

June 20, 2023 – **Updated Signatures as of June 28, 2023**

The Honorable Arch H. Aplin, III, Chairman
Dr. David Yoskowitz, Executive Director
Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission
4200 Smith School Road
Austin, Texas 78744

Dear Chairman Aplin and Dr. Yoskowitz,

The undersigned organizations and individuals respectfully submit a formal **Petition for Emergency Action and Rule-making** to be immediately considered under TAC Title 31, part 2, chapter 51, subchapter A), rule 51.2-3 AND TPWD Code Sec. 12.027.

The recent and continued outbreaks of CWD across Texas, along with the unidentified source of the outbreak, and the demonstrable lack of compliance (around 40%) by trace release site operators with CWD testing requirements creates this emergency which requires immediate action. The legal movement of live deer under these circumstances represents an immediate risk to native deer populations in Texas.

The future health of Texas' deer demands the following specific actions:

1. ***An Immediate Emergency action to halt all movement of live deer, including but not limited to breeder deer***, until rules can be developed to provide greater certainty that:
 - a. Only deer in a healthy condition are approved for liberation, per TPWD Code 43.362, and
 - b. Potentially exposed, liberated animals can be promptly located and tested in a timely manner.
2. ***Rule-making*** on the following items prior to movement being resumed:
 - a. **Develop companion rule to current statute** (TPWD Code Sec. 43.3561) **that requires permanent, visible individual identification of breeder deer**. It is our position that there is no legal authority, scientific or epidemiologic justification for breeders to remove any tags upon release. Additionally, given the lack of deer breeding industry participation in required testing of exposed release sites, it is imperative that released animals be identified to facilitate effective disease management and control.
 - b. **Require disclosure and acknowledgement statement by release sites prior to liberation**. Under current rules, release site owners must ACCEPT a transfer permit in TWIMS prior to initiation of the transfer. We propose that a disclosure and acknowledgement of responsibilities associated with a future CWD detection in the source herd be added to this acceptance procedure, prior to issuance of a transfer permit. The recipient of the captive deer should acknowledge and agree to comply with the terms of any potential herd plan, including, but not limited to, enhanced testing, in the event of a future trace-out from a CWD positive facility.
 - c. **Require tonsil biopsy for ante-mortem tests prior to liberation OR breeder to breeder movement**. It has been established, on the record by deer breeder representatives in the CWD Task Force that tonsil tests are best practice for breeders who test prior to moving deer to other facilities. Due to this and what we know about greater sensitivity and earlier detection in tonsil vs. rectal biopsies, the tonsil test obviously should be established as standard of care for liberation and should be required prior to the movement of any deer.

Respectfully,

Stephen "Tio" Kleberg, Greg Simons, Dr. Bill Eikenhorst, and concerned Texans (pp 2-10)

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Kleberg County Landowner, Hunter

Greg Simons – Petitioner (*1510 Ray St., San Angelo, TX 76904; (325) 234-4408;*

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Wildlife Biologist; Liberty, Jasper, Brazoria, Val Verde, Cameron, Shelby, Anderson, Houston, Nacogdoches, Cherokee, and Johnson Counties Landowner, Past President-Texas Wildlife Association, Past Vice President-Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society, current board member National Deer Association, and current member of several other boards and advisory committees

Dr. Bill Eikenhorst – Petitioner (*1907 Highway 105, Brenham, TX 77833; (979) 830-3814;*

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Veterinarian, Washington County Landowner

Ruth Kelleher Agather - Catto-Gage Ranch, Brewster and Presidio Counties; Kendall County Landowner

Lesley Airth - Concerned Citizen

Charles B. Albright - Lavaca County Landowner and member of Lavaca County Wildlife Management Association

J. David Anderson - Duval County Landowner, Past President – Texas Wildlife Association

Terry Anderson - Principal of Conservation Equity Partners, Principal of Wildlife Systems, Inc, Wildlife Biologist, Multi-county Landowner

Ernest Angelo Jr. - Former TPWD Commissioner

Dr. Ed Arnett – Certified Wildlife Biologist; The Wildlife Society Fellow; Chief Scientist – Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership; Professional Member, Boone & Crockett Club

Katie Baldock – Wildlife filmmaker, Travis County

Helen Ballew - Conservation Consultant, Burleson County Landowner

J. David Bamberger - Selah Bamberger Ranch Preserve, Blanco County

Rene Barrientos – South Texas Landowner

William S. Bartush - Quail Creek Resources, Certified Wildlife Biologist, Cooke County Landowner

Cissy Beasley - Webb County landowner, conservationist, professional photographer

Dr. Steve Bentsen – Veterinarian, Starr County Landowner

Emry Birdwell - Partner, Birdwell & Clark Ranch, Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient

Dr. Les Bleamaster - Science Facilities Manager, Professor of Geoscience, Trinity Univ.

Trey Bonner – Hunter, Leased Property in Dimmit, Oldham and Moore Counties, TWA Director

Earl Brady - Conservationist/Hunter, Smith County

Clay Brewer - Landowner/Retired Professional Wildlife Biologist with 40 years experience

Jerry Brewer - Tom Green County Landowner

Shirley Brewer - Tom Green County Landowner

Dr. Fred C. Bryant - Texas Foundation for Conservation; Past President, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society; Former Board Member, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation; Professional Member, Boone & Crockett Club

Greg Buenger, DVM - Young County Landowner

Vick A. Burk, DVM - Fisher and Scurry County landowner and veterinarian

Rory Burroughs – Fisher County Landowner, Owner – Comprehensive Land Management

Linda Campbell – Certified Wildlife Biologist; Past President, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Hunter, Texas Landowner

Dr. Tyler A. Campbell - Past President, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society

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A T Canales Ranch – Gus T. Canales, Managing Partner
Kyle Carrington - Shelby County Landowner, Wildlife Consultant, Avid Hunter, Texas Wildlife Association Member
Ken Cearley – Certified Wildlife Biologist, Cornerstone Ranching Solutions LLC
Luke Cearley - Land Manager, Hunter, Freestone County
Deborah Clark - Partner, Birdwell & Clark Ranch, Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient
Tom Clarke, avid hunter
Gary Coe – Hunter, Hunting Guide, Concho county, Texas Wildlife Association Lifetime Member
Koy Coffey – Conservationist, Kerr County
Vannie Cook Collins – Star, Hidalgo, Cameron, & Real County Landowner
Susan Combs - Brewster County Landowner, Former Texas Agriculture Commissioner and Comptroller
Robert L. “Bob” Cook - Former Executive Director, TPWD; Certified Wildlife Biologist; Brown County Landowner
Stan Cook – Nacogdoches County Landowner
Jerry L. Cooke, Ph.D - Wildlife Biologist, Kerr County Landowner, Hunter
Mike Cooley, Sr. - Avid Hunter
Wally Cox - Kendall, Jefferson, and LaSalle County Landowner
Jim Cummins - Austin County landowner, Webb, Dimmitt and Maverick County deer hunter
Dr. Chase Currie, General Manager of San Pedro Ranch
Dr. Robin Dabareiner, DVM, PhD. – Burleson County Landowner
Wiley Dabbs - Ranch Manager, Hunting Guide, Brewster County
Shannon Davies - Travis County Landowner
Dick DeGuerin – Texas Landowner
Dave DeLaney - Ranching and Wildlife Consultant
Margo Denke Griffin – Bandera County Landowner, Secretary/Treasurer of Friends of Hondo Canyon
Julia R. DeWette, MD (retired) – Travis County Landowner
Dr. Charles A. DeYoung - wildlife biologist, landowner Shining Ranch, Jim Wells County
Randy DeYoung, PhD - Past President, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Philip Dickerson - Wildlife District Leader, TPWD (retired)
Don Dietz – Certified Wildlife Biologist, Trinity County Landowner
Cary Dietzmann - Washington County Landowner, 2011 Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient
The Family of Dr. Bob Ditmar
James Dudley, IV - Llano County Landowner
Matthew DuPont - Austin County Landowner
Jayce Durham - Wildlife Biologist and Natural Resource Consultant, Angelina County Landowner
David Draeger – Texas Deer Hunter
Don Draeger – Wildlife Biologist
Dylan Draeger – Texas Deer Hunter
Ron Draeger – Landowner & Texas Deer Hunter
Jay Dreibelbis - Burleson County Landowner, Banker, Avid Hunter
Trey Dyer - San Saba County landowner, avid Hunter
Caden Eckert - Gillespie County landowner
Chance Eckert - Gillespie County landowner
Rhonda Eckert - Gillespie County landowner
Jared Edwards - Kendall & Bexar County Landowner, Texas Wildland, Inc, Landowner Value Enhancement
Kate Edwards - Kendall & Bexar County Landowner, Hunter, Mother of 3 young hunters in training
Blake Eikenhorst – Wildlife Biologist, Hunter, Washington County Landowner

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Chad Ellis – McCulloch County Landowner, CEO – Texas Ag. Land Trust
Christin Ellis - McMullen, Duval, & Kendall County Landowner
Mike Ellis - Anderson County Landowner
Jay C. Evans – Ranch Manager and Ranch Consultant, LaSalle County Landowner
Dick Evans – Concerned Texas Landowner
Jimmie Ruth Evans - Concerned Texas Landowner
James Dudley, IV - Llano County Landowner
Melanie Fain - Kendall County Landowner, hunter
Gary S. Farmer - Gillespie County Landowner, TWA life member
Gary Fickert - Fifth Generation Gillespie County Landowner
Ricky Fisher – Washington County Landowner
Dan Flournoy - Dove Creek Ranch, Irion and Tom Green Counties
Sarah Flournoy - Tom Green and Irion County Landowner
Bennett Folsom - DVM Candidate, Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine Class of 2025
President, Wildlife Medicine Club of Texas Tech University School of Veterinary Medicine
Dr. Lynn Fowler - Alabama (a CWD State) landowner, retired Galapago biologist for National
Geo/Lindblad
Don B. Frels Jr. - TPWD Wildlife Division Project Leader Edwards Plateau (retired), Jackson County
Landowner
Don Frost - Executive Vice President, Frost Bank, 6th generation Kendall County Landowner, Kerr
County, Karnes County and Wilson County Landowner
Colleen Gardner – Land Management Consultant, The Blue Heron Team - Texas Hill Country Region
Scott Gardner - Land Management Consultant, The Blue Heron Team - Texas Hill Country Region;
Manager, CL Browning Ranch, Blanco County
Bill Garret - Texas Deer Hunter
Ronnie George - Certified Wildlife Biologist, Past-President - Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society,
TPWD Wildlife Biologist (Retired), Former Hunt County Landowner
Tim Geppert - Avid Hunter
James Gibbs - San Pablo Ranch
Christopher Gill – TWA Member, Calhoun, Refugio, Comal, Kendall & Hays County Landowner
Tompall Glaser - Founder, Texas Buck Registry, former President Harper WMA, 5th generation Kimble
County landowner, Texas hunter
Jessica Glasscock - Vice-President, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Dr. Selma Glasscock – Certified Wildlife Biologist, Past President of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife
Society, Past President of The Southwest Section of The Wildlife Society, Professional Member of
the Boone and Crockett Club, Texas Wildlife Society Director, Sutton and Val Verde County
landowner
Amanda Gobeli - Secretary, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Gage Grantham - wildlife biologist- Conservation Equity Partners
Milton Greeson – Victoria, Refugio and Goliad County Landowner
Charles Greco - Kimble County Landowner, TWA Legislative Committee Chairman
Heath Grigg – Ranch Manager
Blake A. Grisham, Ph.D. - President, Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society; Associate Professor of
Wildlife Management, Department of Natural Resources Management, Texas Tech University
A R “Felo” Guerra – partner in Buena Fe, LLC (with my children & ranch land in Hidalgo & Starr
counties), member of South Texans Property Rights Association, Farm Bureau & Board member
of Red Sands Groundwater Conservation District
Dr. Cheryl Hamilton - Invasives of Texas Citizen Scientist, President’s Lifetime Achievement Award

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Beatrice Hammock - Artist and naturalist, Kendall County

Pam Nelson Harte - Jeff Davis & Kerr Co. landowner

Jackie Harker - Fayette & Liberty County landowner; Texas Wildlife Association life member and director; conservationist and hunter

Steven Harker - Fayette County landowner; Texas Wildlife Association life member and director; cattle rancher and hunter

Will Harte - Jeff Davis & Kerr Co. landowner

Sarah E. Harte – Brewster, Medina, & Kendall County Landowner

Erin Hatchitt - President Native Prairies Association of Texas

Harry H. Haucke - Van Zandt County Landowner, Wildlife biologist TPWD (retired), Certified Wildlife Biologist

Bobby Hausser - Frio, Zavala, & Brewster County Landowner

Boo Hausser - Frio & Zavala County Landowner

Ford Hausser - Frio, Zavala, Matagorda County Landowner

Will Hausser - Frio & Zavala County Landowner

Jaimie Hayne - Brewster, Presidio and Kendall County Landowner; Past President, Texas Wildlife Association

Rick Heath - Avid Hunter

Dr. Levi Heffelfinger - Board Member of Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society and Professional Member - Boone and Crockett Club

Dr. David G. Hewitt – Certified Wildlife Biologist, Past President of the Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society, Professional Member - Boone and Crockett Club

Howard Hicks – Blanco & Gillespie County Landowner

Robert Hicks - Robertson County Landowner

Billy Higginbotham - Professor Emeritus - Department of Range, Wildlife and Fisheries - The Texas A&M University System

Travis Hild – Hunter, Wilson County Landowner

Cole Hill, Ranch Manager, Uvalde and Kinney county

Paul Hobby - Landowner & lessor

Gary Homerstad, TPWD Biologist (retired), Certified Wildlife Biologist

Jim House - Webb County Landowner (Lundell's Caliche Ranch), avid hunter

Anson B. Howard - Tom Green, Schleicher, Coleman, Dimmit, and Maverick County Landowner

A. Ryland Howard - Tom Green County Landowner

Pamela Fitzsimons Howard - Dimmit and Maverick County Landowner, recipient of the Leopold Conservation Award

Dr. J. Dale James – Certified Wildlife Biologist, San Patricio County Land Manager, CEO- Rob and Bessie Welder Wildlife Foundation

Katie Jarl - Bexar County

Larry Jay – Kendall County landowner, Hunter

Sharron Jay – Kendall County Landowner, Hunter

Charles L. Jeffers - Chimal Ranch, Mason County

John Jefferson - Former Executive Director, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society; Outdoor Writer/Photographer

A.C. "Dick" Jones, IV - Jim Hogg County Landowner

W.W. "Whit" Jones III - Jim Hogg County Landowner, Chairman of the Board – South Texans Property Rights Association

James R Joyce - McMullen County Landowner

Robert Judd, DVM - McLennan County Landowner

Keith Jung - Kendall County Landowner

Marty Jung - Kendall County Landowner

Sara Kahlich – Certified Wildlife Biologist, Consultant

Marcella Keebler - Hunter

Phil Keebler - Hunter

Pamela Kelly - Conservationist, Falls and Robertson County Landowner

David Kelleher - Brewster, Kendall and Presidio County Landowner

Matthew R. Kennedy - Landowner and Managing Partner, Kennedy Ranch, Pecos County

Fawn Kibbe – Hunter, Ranch Manager in Brewster County

Justin Kibbe - Hunter, Hunting Guide in Brewster and Hudspeth Counties, Ranch Foreman in Brewster County

Susan Kibbe - Jim Wells County Landowner, Executive Director – South Texans Property Rights Association

Wyatt Kibbe – Hunter, Hunting Guide in Brewster and Hudspeth Counties

Shane Kiefer, Certified Wildlife Biologist, COO - Plateau Land & Wildlife Management, Hays & Bell County Landowner

John C. Kinsey - Certified Wildlife Biologist, Past President - Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society

Don Kirchoff, Land Owner – Wilson County; Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient

David Kitner - Ranch Manager in South Texas and Southeast Kansas, Leopold Conservation Award Recipient

Chris Kleberg – Kleberg County Landowner

Janell Kleberg - Kleberg County Landowner

Jay Kleberg - Kleberg County Landowner

Whitney Marion Klenzendorf – Frio County Landowner

Dr. Wallace Klusmann - Llano County landowner, former department head of Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Dept at Texas A&M University

Chuck Knibbe - Comal County Landowner

Sharon Knibbe - Comal County Landowner

Dr. Gary Kocurek - Fayette County Landowner, Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient

Jim Kolkhorst – Conservationist, Hunter, Washington and Freestone County Landowner

Paul Kruse - Washington County Landowner

Keith Lake – Wildlife Biologist, Hunter

David K. Langford – Kendall County Landowner; Retired CEO, Texas Wildlife Association; Trustee, The Laurels Ranch Trust; Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient, Emeritus Member, Boone & Crockett Club

Myrna Langford – Kendall County Landowner, Laurels Ranch Trust, Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient

Jeanne W. Latimer - Landowner, former Texas Parks and Wildlife Commissioner

Blake Leslie - Wildlife Biologist, Kendall Co. landowner

Jessica Leslie, PhD - Conservationist, Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient

Roy Leslie - Low-fenced, no lease Kendall Co. landowner, Lone Star and Texas Chapter Land Steward

Chancey Lewis - Wildlife Biologist, Milam County Landowner

Steve C. Lewis - Kendall & Medina County Landowner, Past President – Texas Wildlife Association, President Emeritus - Texas Wildlife Association Foundation

Los Ninos del Charamusco Partnership - Gus T. Canales, Managing Partner

Lee Ann Johnson Linam - Wildlife Biologist & Educator

Kelly Lyons, PhD - Professor/Grassland Restoration Ecologist, Trinity Univ.

Charles Maley – Bee County Landowner, Advocacy Director – South Texans Property Rights Association

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Joe Maley – South and Central Texas Landowner, South Texas Property Rights Association
Member, Former Board Member – Texas Ag Land Trust

Kim Manning - Hunter, Frio County landowner

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M. Russell Marshall - Goliad County Wildlife Management Association, Avid Hunter

Ben Masters - Conservation Film Maker, Writer

Nancy Maxwell – Texas Wildlife Association Member

Nyle Maxwell – Hunter, Texas Wildlife Association Officer/Treasurer, Landowner/Rancher in Brewster,
Concho and Hudspeth Counties, Boone & Crockett member, Texas Youth Hunt sponsor

Trey Maxwell – Hunter, Hunting Guide, Texas Wildlife Association Board Member, Land
Manager/Rancher in Brewster, Concho and Hudspeth Counties

Randy Mayo - Bexar and Kendall County landowner

Dr. Dan E. McBride – Veterinarian, Burnet County Landowner

Jonathan McBride – Hunter, Hunting Guide, Ranch Foreman in Hudspeth County

Bob McCan - General Manager for McFaddin Ranch, 5th generation landowner Victoria County

Thomas Scott McCoy - Gillespie County landowner

Michael J. McCulloch DVM - Wildlife Habitat Restoration; Rancher; Landowner in Brewster, Pecos,
Gaines, and Midland County, Texas; Landowner in San Miguel, Guadalupe, and Santa Fe County
New Mexico; Advisor to land owner at ground zero for CWD in Medina County, Texas

Dr. Robert F. McFarlane – Anderson County Landowner, Leopold Conservation Award Recipient

Stephen McGee - Brazos County Landowner

Frank McLelland - ranch manager, hunter

Mike McMurry - Certified Wildlife Biologist Fayette County Landowner, Colorado River Wildlife
Association Member

Paul E. McSween III – Bandera County Landowner

Jon Means - Means Ranch Company, Jeff Davis and Culberson County

Masi Mejia - Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society Member and former officer, Educator, Mother

Wyman Meinzer - Texas state photographer, Knox County Landowner

Mike Mecke - Natural Resources Manager (retired), Member - Bexar Audubon, National Wildlife
Federation, Sierra Club

Dr. Laurence Meissner - Biology Professor Emeritus, Concordia University

Mary Pearl Meuth - Incoming President, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society; Director, Texas Wildlife
Association

Gene T. Miller - Certified Wildlife Biologist, Honorary Life Member - Texas Chapter of The Wildlife
Society

Ronald F. Mize - Wildlife Biologist, TPWD (retired)

Jen Mock - Co-Chair, Conservation Affairs Committee, Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society

Nicole Molter - Hunter

Alan Montemayor - Bexar County Chair, Alamo Group of the Sierra Club

Daniel W. Moulton, Ph.D. Member, Executive Committee Dallas Sierra Club

Brian Murphy – Certified Wildlife Biologist; Former CEO, Quality Deer Management Association

Michael A. Murphy – Travis County Landowner

Troy Murphy PhD – Hunter, Professor Biology, Trinity University, San Antonio

Steve Nelle – Consulting Biologist

Richard Nunley – Landowner

William Ochse - Hunter, Gillespie County Landowner

Daniel Oppenheimer - Frio County Landowner

Bobby O’Rear – Hunter, Hunting Guide, Concho County

Brent Ortego, Ph.D. - Wildlife Consultant, Victoria County Landowner, TPWD Biologist (retired)
Gregory Pasztor - Conservationist, Kendall County Landowner, Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient
Patty Leslie Pasztor - Kendall County Landowner, Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient
Ted Paup - Chimney Creek Ranch, Landowner, Shackelford County
Bob Pearson, Adelphe, L.L.P. - Roberts, Ochiltree, and Hansford Counties landowner, Texas Wildlife Association Lifetime Member, Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient
James Pettus – Brooks & Hidalgo County Landowner
Mark Pickering - Avid Hunter
Darwin Pluhar - Hartley, Moore, Randall & Gray County Landowner
Jenny Pluhar - Hartley, Moore, Randall & Gray County Landowner
Andrew Polk - Hunter, Polk Land and Cattle, Houston & Angelina County
Preston Polk - Attorney, Hunter, Polk Land and Cattle, Houston & Angelina County
Brennan Potts – Rains County Landowner
Marisue Burleson Potts - Motley County Landowner, Natural Resources Conservation Service Board Member
Robert J. Potts - Jeff Davis County landowner
Rick Pratt - Past Director, Fort Worth Nature Center, Past Founding Director Armand Bayou Nature Center, Houston, Former Editor at Large: Shooting Sportsman Magazine, Texas Outdoors Magazine
Foster Sims Price II - Sterling, Coke, and Mitchell Counties landowner
Frank Price, Sterling County landowner
Gary Price - Navarro County Landowner, Leopold Award Recipient - 77 Ranch
Sue Price - Navarro County Landowner, Leopold Award Recipient - 77 Ranch
Deron Proctor - Avid hunter
David Riley - Associate Wildlife Biologist, Burleson County landowner
Frank E Rivera - Avid Hunter
Bruce Roberts - Wildlife Manager, Conservationist, Hunter
Dr. Dale Rollins – Professor Emeritus, Texas A&M University
Jenny Sanders – Conservationist, Hunter, Trinity County Landowner
Robert Sanders – Wildlife Biologist, Hunter, Trinity County Landowner
John W. Saxon - Avid Hunter
Jesus Serna - First Generation Webb County Landowner
Susan Schaezler - Owner, Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary, Guadalupe County; Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient
Don Schaezler - Owner, Warbler Woods Bird Sanctuary, Guadalupe County; Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient
Ollie Schiller - Washington and Austin County Landowner
Carroll Schubert – Texas Wildlife Association Director
LeAnn Garrison-Sharp – Member / Shareholder of Indian Blanket Ranch, LLC – A Nature Reserve in Northern Uvalde County, Interpretive Nature Tour Guide & Owner of Hill Country Adventures & Nature Center in Northern Uvalde County, Hunter & Concerned Citizen in Northern Uvalde County
Neil Shelton – Hartley & Oldham County Landowner
John Shepperd - Texas Foundation for Conservation
Dr. Nova J. Silvy - Fellow and Past President, The Wildlife Society; Aldo Leopold Memorial Award Recipient
David Simpson - Hunter, Kendall County Landowner

Lili Simpson - Conservationist, Kendall County Landowner
Ted Simpson - professional hunting guide and hunter
Thomas R. Simpson, PhD – Certified Wildlife Biologist, Member - Gonzales County Wildlife Management Association
Brittany L. Slabach, Ph.D. - Vertebrate Ecologist and Conservationist, Second Century Stewardship Fellow, Lecturer Dept. Of Biology, Trinity University
Tucker Slack - Tyler & Montgomery County landowner, Certified Wildlife Biologist, Senior Biologist-Plateau Land & Wildlife Management, Member-Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Ron Smudy - Assistant Director San Antonio Parks and Recreation, Retired; Presidential Lifetime Achievement Award; Coastal Conservation Award Recipient
Lenal “Tex” Speck, landowner and rancher, Schleicher, Menard, Concho, Runnels, and Tom Green Counties.
Dr. Don Steinbach – Certified Wildlife Biologist; Executive Director, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society; Washington County Landowner
Dr. Mark Steinbach - Executive Director, Texas Land Conservancy
Rufus Stephens - Certified Wildlife Biologist and Wildlife Consultant
Tye Stephens - Wildlife Biologist, Ranch Broker
Garry Stephens - Wildlife Habitat Federation Medina County landowner
Carroll Duncan Stone – Willacy, Hidalgo, Camron, Jim Hogg & Brazoria County Landowner; Life member – Texas Wildlife Association, Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, & South Texans Property Rights Association.
Romey Swanson – Certified Wildlife Biologist, Wildlife Manager of Hershey Ranch - Gillespie County, and Past President of Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Jon Taggart - Rancher, Land Manager - North Central Texas
Ray C. Telfair II Ph.D. – Certified Wildlife Biologist
Ellen C. Temple – Trinity County Landowner, Lone Star Land Steward and Leopold Award Recipient
Rocky Thigpen - Angelina County Landowner, avid hunter
Jimmie V. Thurmond, III - Past president - Texas Wildlife Association and TWA Foundation
Louise Briggs Thurmond - Dimmit, La Salle and Victoria County Landowner
Wes Tidwell – Hunter, Texas Wildlife Association Member, 2022-23 Texas Grand Slam
Tomasita Canales heirs Partnership - Gus T. Canales, Managing Partner
Tamara Trail – Conservationist, Hunter, Shackelford County Landowner, Lone Star Land Steward Award Recipient
Brian Treadwell - 5th generation Menard and Schleicher County Landowner, Lone Star Land Steward and Leopold Award Recipient
Tom Vandivier – Past President, Texas Wildlife Association, Edwards County Landowner, Lone Star Land Steward, and Leopold Conservation Award Recipient
Dr. Joseph Veech - Professor of Biology, Texas State University
Shawn Vickers – TWA Member, Guadalupe & Hays County landowner, Wildlife Professional
Mike Vickery – Hunter, Hunting Guide, Ranch Foreman in Concho County
Michelle Villafranca - Wise County Landowner
Jaime Villarreal - avid hunter
Carolyn Vogel - landowner and conservationist, Gillespie County
Dr. Matt Wagner - Certified Wildlife Biologist; Past President, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society and Texas Section, Society for Range Management
Philip Walker - Owner 7 Oaks Ranch, Crockett County, 2021 TPWD Lone Star Land Steward
Rick Wall, DVM - Concerned Texas Outdoorsman
Greg Walton - Uvalde County Landowner

Jerry Wascom - Webb County landowner, avid hunter and white-tailed deer enthusiast
Cindy Waters - Hunter
Russell Waters – Hunter, Texas Wildlife Association Member
Sara Weaver, PhD – Certified Wildlife Biologist, Board Member at Large - Texas Chapter of the Wildlife Society
Floyd W Weckerly, Ph.D – Certified Wildlife Biologist, Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Texas State University
Irvin Welch - Wildlife Biologist, Hunter, Val Verde & Martin Co. Landowner
Larry Weishuhn – Wildlife Biologist; Co-Founder, Texas Wildlife Association
Dr. Monty Whiting – Professor Emeritus, Arthur Temple College of Forestry and Wildlife, Stephen F. Austin State University; Past President, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Dr. Neal Wilkins – Certified Wildlife Biologist; Past President, Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society; Professional Member, Boone & Crockett Club; Board Member, South Texans Property Rights Association; Kimble County Landowner
Charlie Williams – Bandera and Medina County Landowner
Mike Williams – Gillespie County Landowner and Lease Operator
Mike Wilson – Hunter, Texas Wildlife Association Member, 2022-23 Texas Grand Slam
Simon Winston – Trinity, Angelina, and Nacogdoches County Landowner; Leopold Conservation Award Recipient
Asa S. Wilson – South Texas Ranch Manager & Landowner
Leslie Wittenburg - Outdoor Education Specialist
Brad Wolfe - Kenedy, Willacy, Cameron Counties Landowner
Lynden Wood, wildlife ecologist
Tamara Wood - Principal Conservation Equity Partners, Wildlife Ecologist, Multi-county Landowner
Lee Woodson - Avid Hunter
Bill Woodward - Lee County Landowner, Hunting Guide and Hunter
Lorie Woodward - Conservation & Agriculture Journalist, Lee County Landowner
Tracey P. Woodward - Lee County Landowner, Hunter
Monty Worley – Lessee Baylor County
Rusty Yates - Blanco County Landowner, Chairman Bamberger Ranch Preserve
Greg Young - Baylor County Landowner
Lee Young – Concerned Bexar County Citizen
Mary Young – Concerned Bexar County Citizen
William Carl Young - Williamson & Brewster County Landowner
Mark Zornow - Texas deer hunter

Along with the following organizations:

National Deer Association
Native Prairies Association of Texas
South Texans’ Property Rights Association
Texas Chapter of The Wildlife Society
Texas Conservation Alliance
Texas Grazing Land Coalition
Texas Land Conservancy
Texas Real Estate Advocacy & Defense (TREAD) Coalition
Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership