Seven Falls Ranch – 830 Acres

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Gillespie County – Texas

Count	Date	Acres Visible	Buck	Doe	Fawn	Unidentified	Total Observed	Density – Acres/Deer
1	8/30/2017	75	4	59	7	11	81	.926
2	8/31/2017	75	5	43	2	11	61	1.23
3	9/5/2017	75	2	32	3	0	37	2.03
Total		225	11	134	12	22	179	1.257

Cumulative Census Statistics:

White-Tailed Deer Density 1.257 Acres per

Deer

Doe-to-Buck Ration 12.18
Fawn-to-Doe Ratio 0.09
Percentage of Deer by Category

Bucks 7% Doe 85.4% 7.6% Fawns Estimated Deer on Seven Falls Ranch 660 **Bucks** 46 Doe 563 Fawns 51 **Recommended Harvest** 39 1 Buck/150 Acres*/# 6 1 Doe/25 Acres*/# 33 **Estimated Post Season Density** 1.34

Harvest Recommendations:

- 1. Heavy emphasis must be placed on the harvesting of Doe. Over several years, the ranch has harvested fewer doe than harvest estimates.
- 2. The harvest of spike bucks should be included in the buck harvest quota, not added to it. Harvesting spike buck will remove poor quality buck from the herd at an early age.
- 3. The harvest of young, immature buck should be restricted. Deer body characteristics, in addition to antler characteristics, should be used to determine the relative age of buck on the hoof.

Records Management:

As set forth by TPWD, the following information will be included:

- A. Sex
- B. Weight
- C. Antler measurements; inside spread & number of points
- D. Age

^{*} Recommended Harvest Rates for Gillespie County by

[#] Recommended Wildlife Biologist Harvest Rate of 20%