

GRAZING WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 26th, 2023 | 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM
YMCA Roberts Ranch | Comfort, TX

- 8:00 AM** **Sign-In**
- 8:30 AM** **Introduction & Overview of the Day**
- Rachel Seets, *Hill Country Alliance*
 - MaryAshley McGibbon, *YMCA Roberts Ranch Director*
- 8:45 AM** **Wayne Knight, *Holistic Management International***
- What is healthy land?
 - How do we read trends in ecosystem health for effective management?
 - What are the links between animal performance, soil health, water cycle, and mineral cycling?
- 9:45 AM** **Time in the field**
- Learn to read the land for ecosystem function, health, and stressors
 - Conduct a STAC Forage Assessment
- 11:00 AM** **Back to the pavilion for review of field work and Q&A**
- 11:15 AM** **Lunch**
- 12:15 PM** **Time in the field**
- Assess rangeland health
 - Interpret what is lacking and decide on next steps towards low-cost improvements
- 1:15 PM** **Case studies in the pavilion**
- Understanding animal days per acre and how to measure forage yield
 - Matching animal values to forage yield early
 - Grazing planning for effective plant recovery, animal performance, and risk management
- 2:00 PM** **Using a Holistic Perspective to decide on your next investment of time and/or money**
- 3:00 PM** **Isaac Norris, *Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS)*,
NRCS Resources for Landowners**
- 3:20 PM** **Closing Remarks**

