

NEW CHEMISTRIES FOR WEED & BRUSH CONTROL ON RANGELAND Morgan Treadwell Associate Professor Extension Range Specialist



THE TIMBER OF THE EDWARDS PLATEAU OF TEXAS 1904

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WASHINGTON: COVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE. 1904. TRANSFORMATION OF PRAIRIE INTO TIMBERLAND.

It is of fundamental importance to note that the type of vegetation in this region is undergoing a change. This change, broadly indicated, consists in a transition from grass to woody growth. This transition is very apparent even to the casual observer. Everyone has observed how the mesquite captures the open pastures (Pl. IV, fig. 2), and many have watched the scrub oak timber occupy uplands that formerly were open prairies.

THE SPREAD OF MESQUITE AND CHAPARRAL.

By no means the least striking phenomenon in this campaign of encroachment of timber upon prairie land has been the spread of the mesquite over the cattle country. Mesquite is essentially an occupant of flat prairie lands; hence its extension in the hill country proper is



WHAT WE ARE DOING IS NOT WORKING.

IT'S JUST NOT WORKING OUT....



ELDORADO, TEXAS, USA









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PROACTIVE VS. REACTIVE

- Rapid brush and weed establishment and invasion is occurring.
- Pockets of grassland need to be protected.
 - Reactive
 - Proactive
- Paradigm shift for EVERYONE
- The reality is:
 - Integrated
 - Invested
 - Every. Freaking. Year.

SOME NEW, SOME NOT-SO-NEW, AND SOME NEW WAYS

- 1. Invora from ENVU newest and most impactful chemistry for R&P
- 2. Clopyralid+Picloram for Honey Mesquite
 - Not new, it is all old chemistry, but we are looking at it in a new way
- 3. Honey Mesquite treatment at pre-75 degree soil temp
- 4. Brush suppression
 - Honey Mesquite and Huisache
 - Moving the focus away from killing brush to growing grass/forage production

Invora - Envu

- Active Ingredients: Aminocyclopyrachlor + triclopyr amine
- EPA issued grazing label early 2020; Restricted herbicide
- ⊙ TDA approved Texas registration
- ⊙ Rolled out in 2021; Envu purchased in 2022

HERBICIDE	
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in case	of emergency call tell fires the Bayer CropScience LP Emergency Response Telephone Na. 24-7577. Have a product container or label with you when calling a poision control center, doctor, or going for transment.



Current Brush Species Spectrum for Invora Herbicide

- Species included in suggested broadcast applications:
 - Mesquite
 - Huisache
- Species included in suggested IPT leaf-spray applications:
 - Mesquite
 - Huisache
 - Whitebrush
 - Lotebush
 - Agarito
 - Yucca (spp.)
 - Tasajillo
- Mesquite stem-spray & cut-stump in water



Schleicher County, North of Eldorado, TX









Picolinic Acid Required Training

- ⊙ Prior to application on rangeland all applicators must
- Omplete picolinic acid training every two years
- ⊙ Training completed through
 - \odot State authorized provider or
 - Registrant or registrant approved provider
- Certified applicator must
 - ⊙ Keep record of training for 3 years
 - Training date, provider, & proof of completion
 - Make records available upon request by TDA or EPA



Stewardship Management

INVORA™ HERBICIDE MANURE & VEGETATION MANAGEMENT



- Apply to privately-owned <u>NON-HAYED</u> rangeland and privately-owned <u>NON-HAYED</u> perennial grasslands managed as rangeland in AZ, NM, OK & TX, only
- <u>DO NOT</u> apply to hay, silage, haylage, baylage, or green chop fields
- <u>DO NOT</u> remove herbaceous (non-woody) vegetation for 2 years following treatment
- <u>DO NOT</u> use in areas where animals are confined <u>AND</u> manure is collected
- <u>DO NOT</u> compost any vegetation or manure for 2 years after treatment
- <u>DO NOT</u> remove treated woody plants (brush).Treated woody plants (brush) must degrade on site
- <u>CLEAN OUT ANIMALS</u> 3 days before transport or moving to sites other than non-hayed rangeland and non-hayed perennial grasslands managed as rangeland
- MANURE MUST STAY in clean out area or be returned to treatment site

See booklet for additional manure & vegetation management restrictions



Land Ownership Requirements for Invora

- Privately owned & operated lands: no public land
- Privately owned & managed through lease
- ⊙ Landowner must be notified
- ⊙ Only applied when lease has 2 years remaining at application
 - 5-year lease, not later than year 3
 - 7-year lease, no later than year 5
 - I0-year lease, no later than year 8
- ⊙ Allows 2 years for vegetation & manure mgt. stewardship



Buffer Zones for Invora

- Property lines
 - Aerial & ground broadcast: 100 feet
 - IPT: fenceline
- \odot Free-flowing water
 - Aerial & ground broadcast: 100 feet
 - IPT: water's edge
- ⊙ Non-free-flowing water
 - Wholly w/i treatment site: water's edge
 - Not wholly w/i treatment site
 - Aerial & ground broadcast: 100 feet
 - IPT: water's edge



OLD CHEMISTRY, NEW WAYS

- Clopyralid+Picloram for Honey Mesquite mortality
- Alligare Range and Pasture
 - 2021
 - Tom Green and Mitchell Counties
 - 2022
 - Coleman County





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Tom Green County









Clay County





Coleman County







All 4 Sites 1 YAT



CAN WE SPRAY HONEY MESQUITE BEFORE 75F SOIL TEMPERATURE?

- Earlier window of application means increased application times
 - Important in the rangeland, cotton intersection
 - Before insect damage
 - Availability of applicators



2016 - 2019 GROUND BROADCAST APPLICATIONS

- 7 sites across West and Central Texas
- All treatments were applied foliar via ground broadcast with Sendero[™] herbicide at 28 oz/acre with Dyne-Amic surfactant at 4 oz/acre with a total spray volume of 10 gallons/acre.
- All sites were established through 2016-2019.
- All sprayed trees were 3-5 ft in height, healthy trees with 100% leaf potential, and no insect damage





Pooled Honey Mesquite Plant Mortality Across West and Central Texas Sites 2016 - 2019 Trials



2016 Jack Mesquite Timing 1 & 2 YAT

100 5 90 4.5 80 4 78 --_ Rainfall (inches) 70 3.5 63 60 3 50 2.5 Mort. 1 YAT ğ 40 2 % Mort. 2 YAT 1.5 — 75F 30 _ Soll Temp 20 Rainfall 10 0.5 0 0 Early Season Early Season post beam post beam late season late season Late Season late season late season Flower Flower Bean Bean Bean Preflower Preflower Stage elongation elongation elongation elongation stage

2017 Hood County Mesquite Timing 1 and 2 YAT

READ THE TREE! NOT THE SOIL TEMPERATURE.

- This will enable more flexibility in spray windows:
 - Prior to cotton being planted.
 - ✓ Prior to insect damage.
 - Prior to applicators migrating to cropland applications.



BRUSH SUPPRESSION, NOT MORTALITY

- In 2012, the Coastal Prairie Grazing Land Coalition established
 52 plots in South Texas using various herbicide mixes.
- They learned that an effective way to control huisache was to spray multiple years with a lower herbicide rate.
- Spray multiple years to spread the risk out while growing more grass to offset the cost.
- 24-oz aminopyralid;2,4-D, 4-oz picloram, 0.4-oz metsulfuron methyl, 2-oz surfactant= 3 gpa
- Spray the entire pasture the first year, and then spray one, skip one for years 2 and 3









BRUSH SUPPRESSION

- Effective treatment for large ranches on the Gulf Coast
- Stretches the ranch brush management dollar more effectively
- Allows ranchers to treat more acres each year compared to traditional approaches
- Grows more grass in the suppression process
- Exceptional control of seedling plants slows down the invasion rates



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