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light-hearted. Year round, she wakes to beat the sunrise in order to fulfill scouting duties. Feeders are scheduled to dispense feed at 7 a.m., so she wants to be in a blind by 6:30 a.m. to allow the dust to settle. The she

can focus on scouting.

She then downloads footage from trail cameras and analyzes hundreds of photos to determine if the whitetail on the property will continue to be managed and monitored or are ready to be bagged.

“I work 12- to 14-hour days, and yes, I am tired but not tired, because I love what I do.”

Managing a staff of six, Celeste keeps in constant contact to ensure the ranch is being run efficiently.

“One thing I had to learn as a manager is I have to wear many boots,” she says. “I can go from scouting in the blind to guiding on weekends to having to figure out where the

water leak is, or ‘Oh, they’re coming to pick up the dozer we have been renting, or I have to go look at what we planted.”

Despite facing challenges of putting pressure on herself to be perfect and overcoming a fear of failure, Celeste has overcome underlying stigmas regarding women in wildlife management positions and can honestly say she has a job she loves.



During her five years as an teacher in Carrizo Springs, Celeste inspired youth to participate in county shows and contests.

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