# WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW



### Only a Few Spots Left



Photo: Texas AgriLife

Sign up today for the 2nd Annual South Llano River State Park Birding Festival April 26-28 in Junction.

Last year's Sold Out Event was a huge success.

### **Read Reviews**

<u>Agenda</u>

Request a Registration Packet here.

# **Avocado Truck Overturns in South Llano**

Last Saturday, a semi carrying 42,000 pounds of avocados overturned at the lower crossing of the South Llano River on US Highway 377. The wreckage was not completely cleared until the next day.

So far, the Alliance is unaware of any adverse impacts to the river from the accident. We will be working with TxDot to encourage better signage for the dangerous approach to the Crossing.

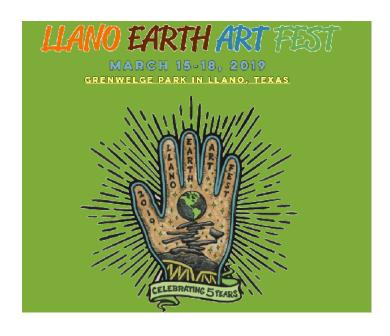


# What you need to Know about Flooding - March 21st

During the floods last
October, many
residents in the
watershed relied heavily
on **river flood forecasts** from the
National Weather
Service and U.S.
Geological Survey.



On <u>Thursday, March 21st at the Castell General Store</u>, these agencies will provide insight into **how these floods are monitored and predicted** and what you need to know to **protect your property.** The program will being at 6pm. Stay tuned for more details...

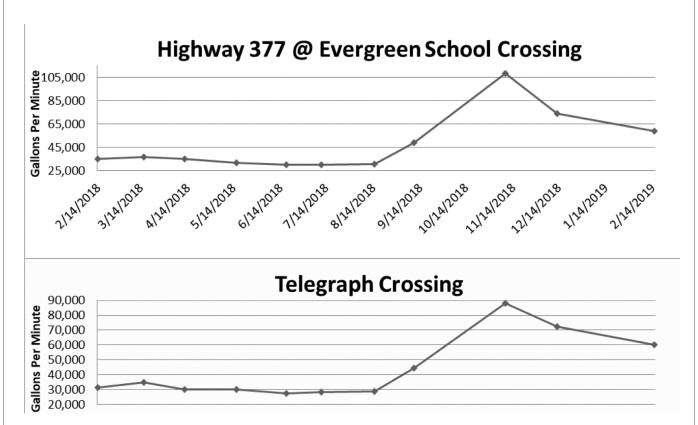


Make Plans and
Purchase tickets to
attend the 5th
annual Llano Earth
Art Fest.

Stop by and visit the Alliance at our booth and workshops.

Details soon.

## Flows of the South Llano



Joel Pigg, General Manager of the Real-Edwards Conservation & Reclamation District, takes monthly flow measurements of the spring-fed streams around his district. Joel measures the South Llano River at both crossings of US 377 below Telegraph.

Following the October rains, the flows peaked at 108,578 gallons per minute (gpm) or 242 cfs at Evergreen School (lower crossing) and 87,969 gym (196 cfs) at Telegraph

(upper crossing). Current flows (pun intended) are 131 cfs at Evergreen School and 134 cfs at Telegraph.

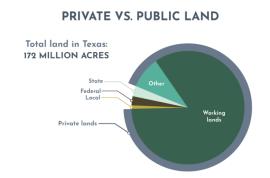


## Texas Land Trends Report Highlights Value of Conservation Easements to ag, water, wildlife

From Texas A&M AgriLife

COLLEGE STATION – The Texas Land Trends project of Texas A&M's Natural Resources Institute, or NRI, has published a special series report describing Texas landowner participation in land conservation easements and their value to agricultural production, water and wildlife.

About 83 percent of lands in Texas are classified as privately-owned working lands, signifying the critical role private landowners play in protecting the state's valuable resources. Landuse conversion, including fragmentation, accounted for the loss of approximately 1.1 million acres of working lands in Texas between 1997 to 2012. Read more...





# Where was and What did Texas look like 220 million years ago?

Another fun geology tool for this week's newsletter. Ancient Earth Globe from dinosaurpictures.org lets one search a location and then toggle back in time to see how that location has moved across the globe over 700 million years.

### **Twenty Years of Conservation Easements**

## From Hill Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist



The public is invited to attend the February 25, 2019 meeting of the Hill Country Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalist Program. This month's presenter is Brent Evans and his presentation will be "Twenty Years of Conservation Easements".

Mr. Evans is the Executive Director of the Cibolo Conservancy, a Founding Director of Cibolo Nature Center, a Founding Director of Kendall County Partnership for Parks and a veteran Social Worker of 50 years.

The talk will be an introduction to conservation easements, and a look at 20 years of conservation experience in

the Hill Country.

The meeting is free and open to the public and will be held at the Upper Guadalupe River Authority's Lecture Hall, located at 125 North Lehmann Drive in Kerrville. Doors open at

### Upcoming Events at South Llano River State Park...click for more info

### Feb Talk Turkey to me!

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#### Feb Hike with a Ranger

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