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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

Full House for Stream Bank Restoration Workshop



More than 50 landowners and agency personnel came to the Llano River Field Station in Junction yesterday to get hands-on training in stream bank restoration.

Noted restoration specialist Bruce Cole, who has done extensive survey work on the South Llano River, explained to participants the causes of erosion, opportunities to mitigate its damage, and showed them how to quantify erosion potential.

The Alliance supported this important workshop by providing lunch for participants. If you would like to help us continue to host or support these types of activities, [please consider joining the Alliance](#).
More workshop details on page 3

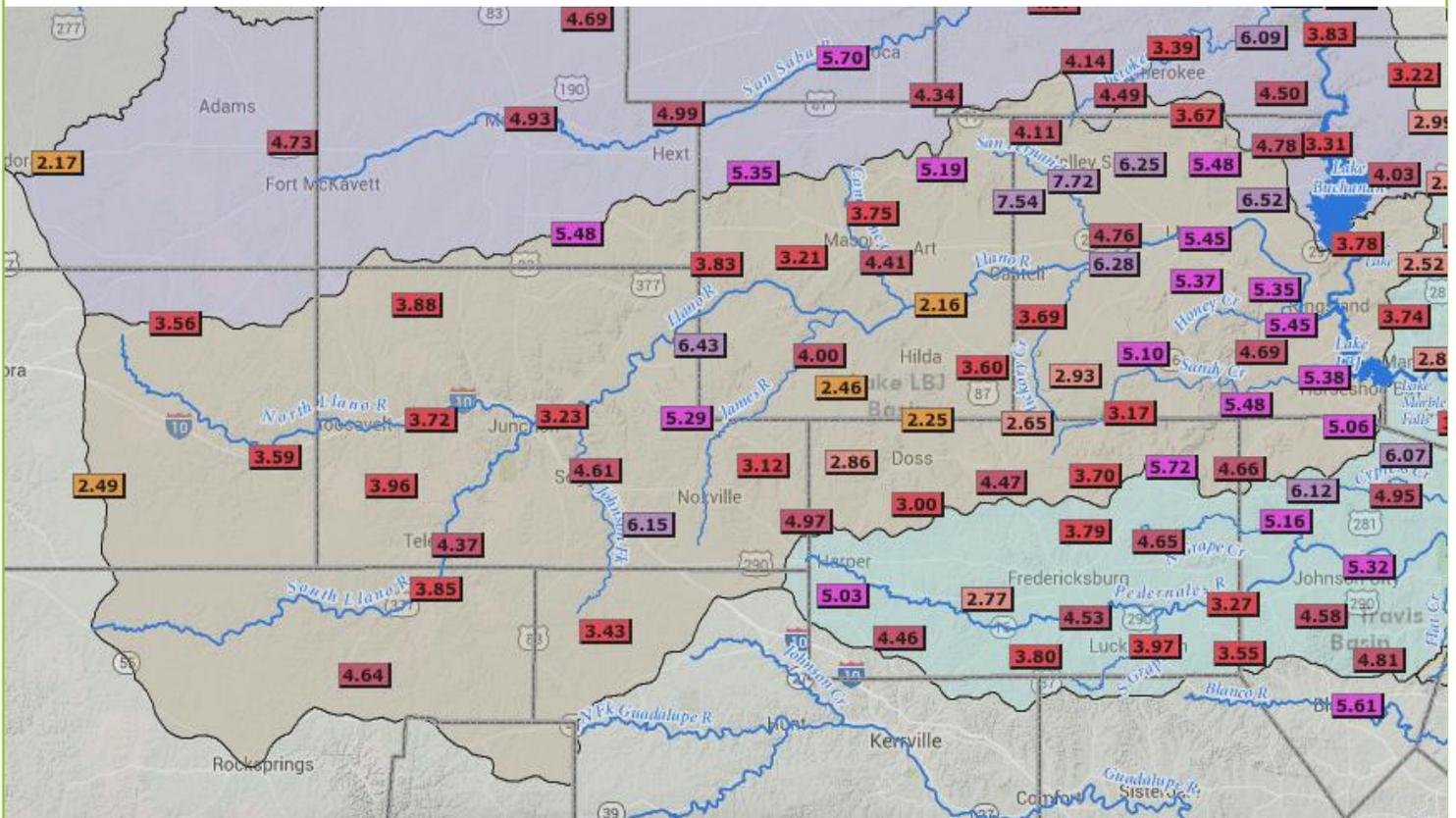
Rains saturate the Watershed



These road signs greeted many motorists across the Llano and the Hill Country this past week.

Mason Volunteer Fire Department was [called out early Sunday morning to rescue campers](#) on the island at James River Crossing after only 2-3 inches up the watershed sent more than 12,000 cfs down the James. All were safely rescued.

See totals page 2



Rains saturate the Watershed (from page 1)

All of the [LCRA Hydromet](#) stations in the Llano River Watershed received at least 2 inches of rain this past week. The station on San Fernando Creek west of Valley Spring received more than 7 inches over the week, with 2.5 inches falling in 2 hours Tuesday afternoon. This small creek, in western Llano County, peaked at more than 9,000 cfs that afternoon, joining the 12.6 feet (29,000 cfs) crest of the Llano River at Llano on Tuesday night. [Moderate flooding for this station is 12.0 feet.](#)

Ironically, this peak occurred almost one year to the day (May 29, 2015) of the last large peak (12.3 feet) on the Llano. However, it [pales in comparison](#) to the 38.86-foot peak (260,000 cfs) in 1997 or the historic peak of 41.5 feet (380,000 cfs) in 1935.

Elsewhere in the watershed this week: the James River peaked at 12,000 cfs (see page 1); the Llano River at Junction at 3,600 cfs; and the Llano River near Mason at 8,700 cfs.

Stream Bank Restoration Workshop



Restoration Specialist Bruce Cole explains stream processes to Friday's Stream Bank Restoration Workshop attendees



Photo: Linda Edwards

Intrepid, good-natured Hal Zesch helps with measurements along and in the South Llano River



Photo : Linda Edwards

The weather and stream flow cooperated Friday allowing Bruce Cole and workshop participants to understand erosional processes first-hand



Steve Nelle discusses riparian plants along the S. Llano Friday

Still time to grab some activities at South Llano River State Park this weekend



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American Hiking Society's National Trails Day® Hike: Golden-cheeked Warbler Trail

Saturday, June 4th, 8:30 am - 12 noon

Meet at the Fawn Trail parking lot
(behind Park Headquarters)

Join us for a 4-mile roundtrip, moderate hike on one of the park's most beautiful back-country trails. Parts of this trail are steep and rocky, others are more flat. Sun protection, good walking shoes (hiking boots or good tennis shoes), plenty of drinking water, and snacks are recommended. Not recommended for strollers. All ages welcome!

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Skins, Skulls, and More!

Saturday, June 4th, drop in between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Acorn Bird Blind

(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Stop by the Acorn Blind this afternoon to see and touch animal skins and skulls, and find out how a skull tells the story of how an animal survives! All ages welcome.



Fishing with a Ranger

Sunday, June 5th, 10:00 am - 12 noon

Meet at the floating dock at Buck Lake

(down the path from the restrooms, between campsites 39 and 41)

Come try your hand at catch-and-release fishing! Rods, reels, and bait provided, and you don't even need a fishing license! Sun protection and drinking water are recommended.

All ages welcome!

Park programs are open to the public and free with park entrance fee