

AUGUST 26TH, 2016

Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

Not bad for August

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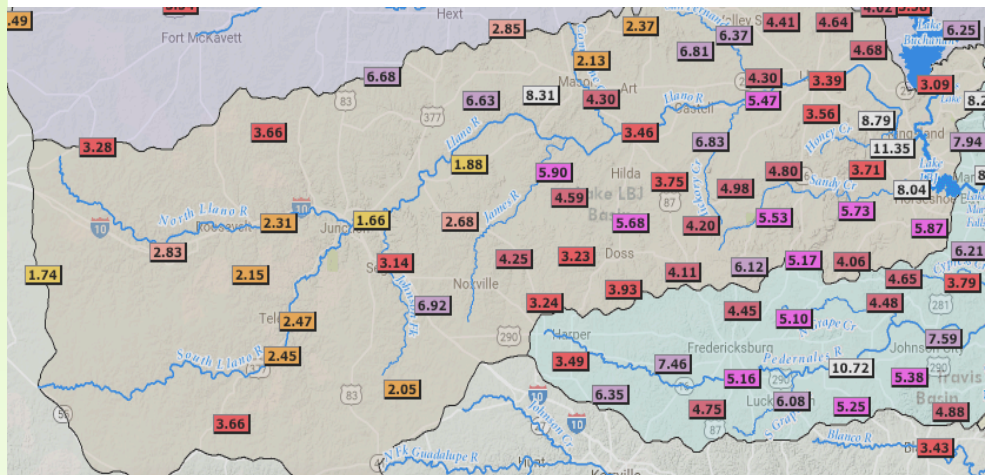
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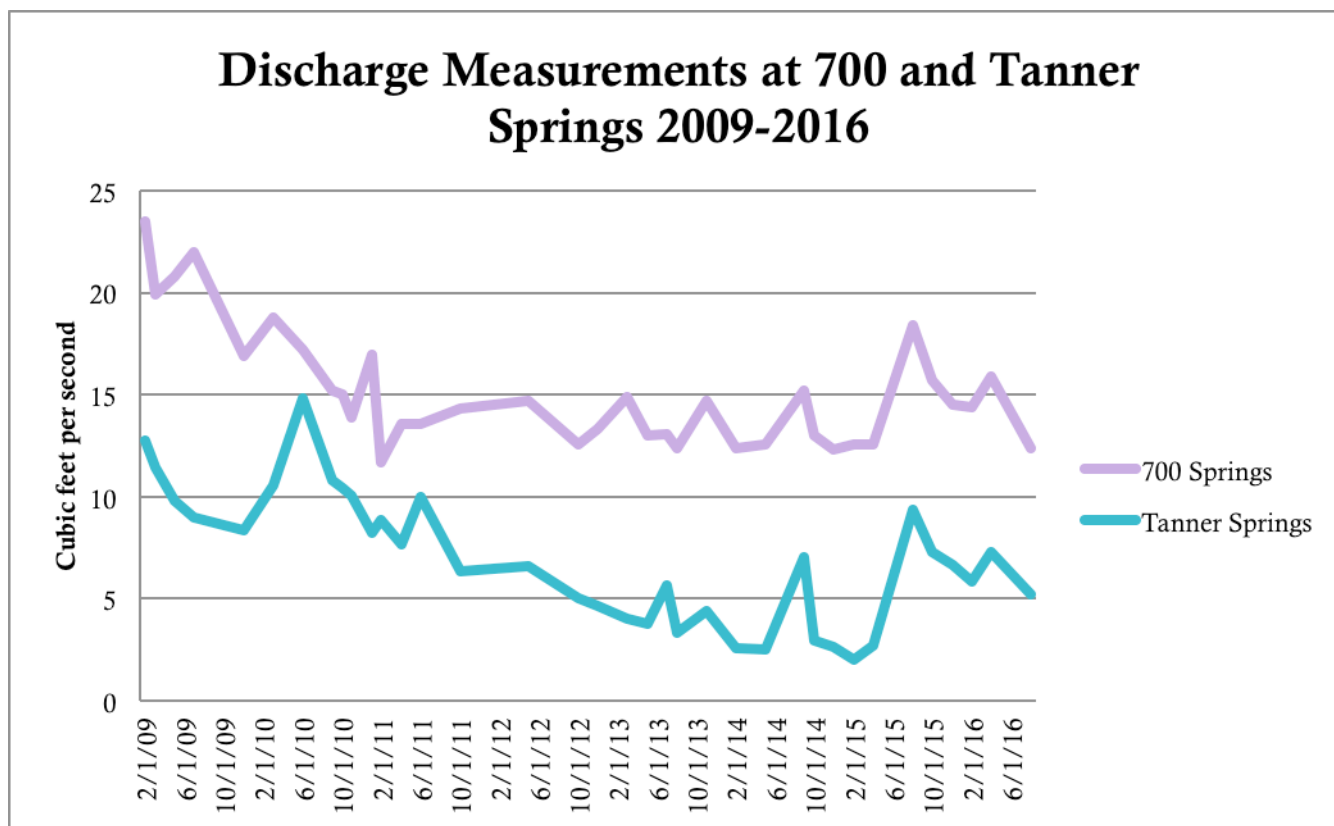
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The scattered rains these past two weeks have been a welcome surprise. Areas near Kingsland have received over 11 inches and areas near Mason received over 8 inches. And while the City of Junction only received 1.66 inches, it is still a welcome change from most Augusts in the Texas Hill Country.

That being said, it appears that the aquifers that feed our springs and rivers has still not fully recovered from the dry conditions in the first half of the decade.

See page 2 for more details.



News from the Springs

The US Geological Survey takes periodic field measurements at both 700 and Tanner Springs along the upper reaches of the South Llano River near Telegraph. The latest measurements, taken on August 11th, show both springs have fallen since August of last year. Those August 2015 measurements were the highest flows measured since early in the decade.

This month, Tanner Springs measured 5 cfs (cubic feet per second) and 700 Springs measured 12 cfs. Last year during August, Tanner Springs jumped up to 9 cfs following a record low of 2 cfs the previous February. August 2015 measurements at Seven Hundred Springs were 18 cfs, a mark not seen since 2010.

Springflow declines indicated by these recent measurements suggest that the aquifer feeding these springs has yet to fully recharge from the 5-year dry spell. Despite a wet spring in much of the watershed (Kingsland has had 23.7 inches since March 1), Telegraph has only received 12.1 inches since March 1st.

South Llano River State Park



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Family Park Programs
South Llano River State Park
Phone: (325) 446-3994



River Seining

Saturday, August 27th, 10:00 am - 11:00 am

Meet at the Day Use parking lot

(take road across from Park Headquarters, follow to the end)

What kind of fish and other animals live in the river? Come seining with us and find out! Water shoes, sun protection, and drinking water are recommended – and be prepared to get wet! Because this activity takes place in the river, adults age 17 and older must possess a valid fishing license to use the sein net. If you don't have a fishing license, come anyway and find out all about the animals who call the South Llano River home! All ages welcome.

Skins, Skulls, and More!

Saturday, August 27th,

Drop-in between 3:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Held at the Acorn 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 what a skull can tell us about how an animal lives! All ages welcome.



Summer Tanager

Nature Walk: Exploring the Pecan River Bottom

Sunday, August 28th, 9:00 am - 10:00 am

Meet at the Acorn Blind

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

Come explore the pecan forest with us, as we look for birds, butterflies, and other plants and animals. This hike will be just over a mile long, with a small hill. Good walking shoes, drinking water, and sun protection recommended.

All ages welcome.



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

Upcoming Events

UPPER LLANOS SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT #225

522 MAIN STREET, JUNCTION, TEXAS
325-446-2722 ext 103

Landowner Workshop Cancelled

The New Landowner Workshop scheduled for September 2nd in Junction has been cancelled. The Upper Llanos Soil and Water Conservation District hopes to reschedule the event in the near future.

Hill Country Alliance's Annual Leadership Summit

Other speakers include:

State Representative Jason Isaac

Carlos Rubenstein – former Chairman TWDB

David Yeates – CEO Texas Wildlife Association

Deadline to register is September 8th.

see HillCountryAlliance.org for more info

