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# Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

## Llano Watershed Landowner Receives Coveted Leopold Conservation Award



Congratulations to Richard Taylor and Suzie Paris of the [Blue Mountain Peak Ranch](#) in Mason County for receiving this year's Leopold Conservation Award!

Blue Mountain Peak Ranch received this award last Thursday night at Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's Lone Star Lands Steward Awards Banquet in Austin. Long-time Alliance friend [Steve Nelle](#) was also recognized Thursday night with a Steward Award for Landowner Outreach and Education.

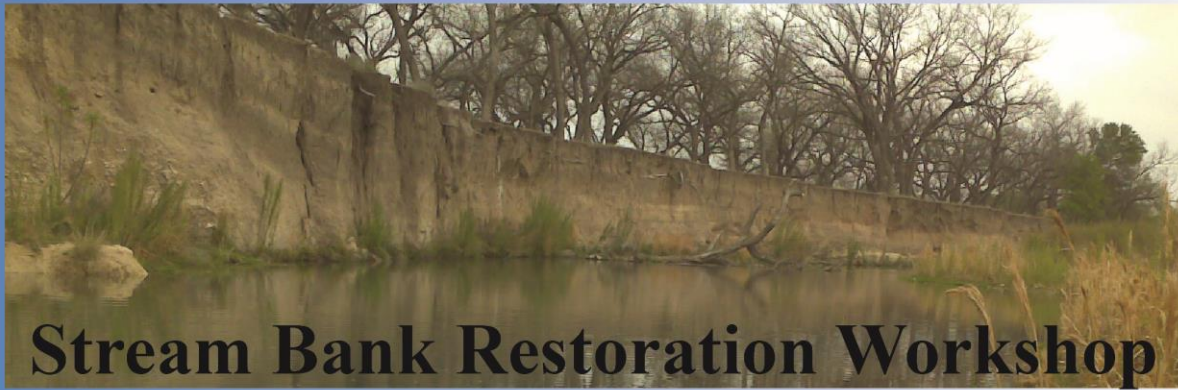
## Are you losing lands to Stream Bank Erosion?

*Registration Closes  
Monday May 30th*



If so, make plans now to attend the Stream Bank Restoration Workshop at the Llano River Field Station on *June 3<sup>rd</sup>*.

Details about this FREE event are found on page 2 of the newsletter.



## Stream Bank Restoration Workshop

**Friday, June 3rd, 2016 8:30am - 5:00pm**  
**Texas Tech University Llano River Field Station**  
**Junction, Texas**

### Funded Through the Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan

Please join us for this **FREE** workshop. The morning session will introduce hydrology, river/floodplain function and mechanics, flood morphology, bank erosion, channel erosion/deposition, land use/management, and restoration design principles in the Upper Llano Watershed. Attendees will learn how to identify the cause of instability and its effect of sediment imbalance (degradation/aggradation), water quality, water supply, effects on downstream landowners, and aquatic habitat destruction. Other workshop topics will include bank erosion estimation, bank restoration techniques, and land use best management practices.

The afternoon workshop session will be conducted riverside on the South Llano. Bring your shoes for wading. Activities will include "hands on" identification of near bank stress, bank erosion estimation, and function of river features.

RSVP includes free lunch. Include in the RSVP questions/pictures of your unstable river segment.

**RSVP to [southllanoriver@gmail.com](mailto:southllanoriver@gmail.com) by May 30th**

#### Workshop Presenters

**Tom Arsuffi, PhD**

*Director - Texas Tech University Llano River Field Station*

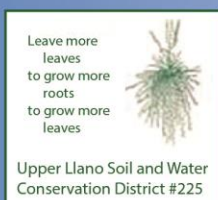
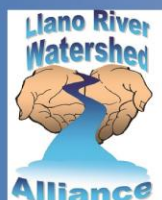
**Tyson Broad**

*Watershed Coordinator - Upper Llano River WPP*

**Bruce Cole, CFM**

*Hydrologist & Stream Restoration Specialist*

*Cole Blaylock & Associates, LLC*



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## Listen to Panelist Discuss Endangered Species



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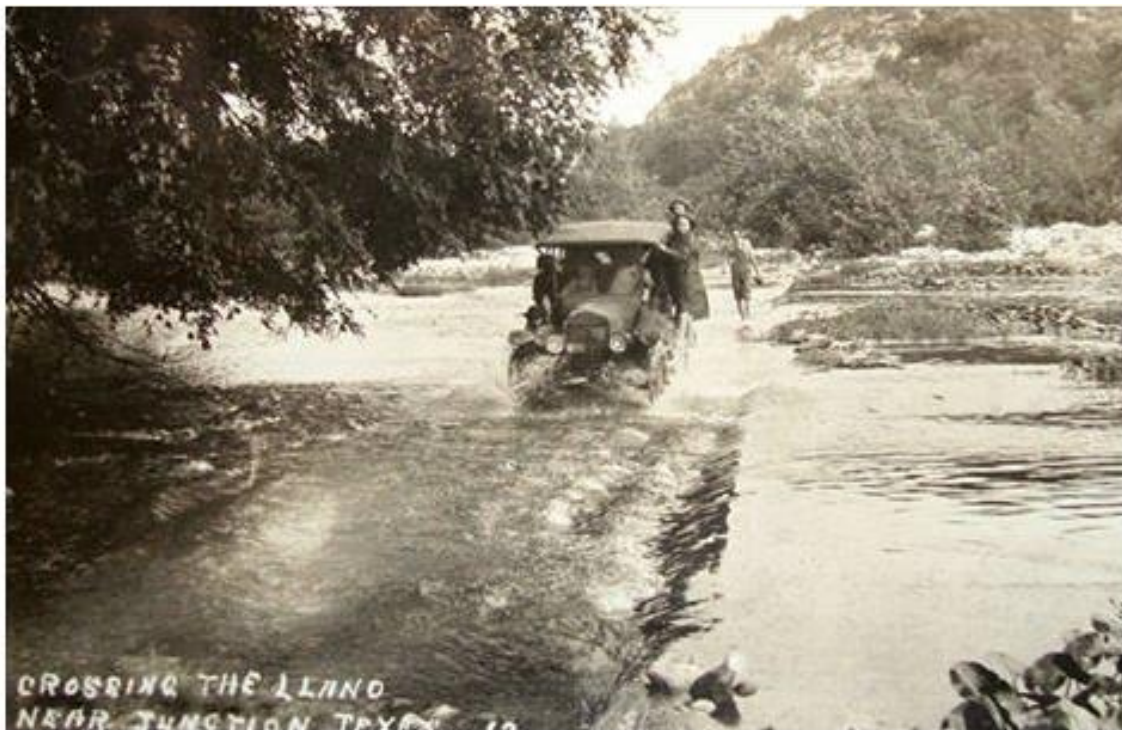
The May 18<sup>th</sup> Llano River Field Station taping of the Texas Water Symposium: Exploring the Economic Impact of Conservation is now available for listening at [Texas Public Radio](#).

The Symposium panel of Adam Zerrenner (US Fish and Wildlife Service Field Supervisor), Dr. Robert Gulley (Texas Comptroller's Office Director of Economic Growth and Endangered Species Management),

and Dr. Tom Arsuffi (Llano River Field Station Director and Alliance Board Member), discussed the economic and conservation impacts of endangered species in Texas, with much of the discussion focusing on potential future listings of fresh-water mussels and the Monarch butterfly.

[More details from Junction Eagle...](#)

## Great Source of Historical Photos



For those of you on Facebook, be sure to check out [Kimble County, Texas – History and Genealogy](#) page. It is full of great photos of the rivers that define Junction and Kimble County.

# Memorial Day Weekend at South Llano River State Park this weekend



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

### Bird Walk

Friday, May 27th, 8:30 am - 10:00 am

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

All ages welcome!

Join us as we walk the trails, and see what you can spot! Binoculars available, or bring your own. Good walking shoes, sun protection, bug spray, and drinking water are recommended.



### River Rangers!

Saturday, May 28th, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Meet at the day use parking lot

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

The river is great for swimming, but is it healthy? Let's test the water and find out! We'll take the water's temperature and look for insects and other water creatures. Sun protection (hat and sunscreen) and drinking water are recommended. Please wear shoes that can get wet! Recommended for ages 7 and up. Children must be accompanied by an adult.



### Snakes and More! Guest Presentation

Saturday, May 28th, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

Meet at the Acorn Bird Blind

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

All ages welcome!

Join herpetologist Dr. Densmore and his scaly friends for an evening of discovery and fun, as we find out more about the amphibians and reptiles who make their home here at South Llano River State Park. Presentation will be held outdoors, so dress accordingly.



### Geocaching 101

Sunday, May 29th, 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm

Meet at the Acorn Bird Blind

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

All ages welcome!

Experience the fun of Geocaching, an outdoor treasure hunt that you can do anywhere in the world using a hand-held GPS unit (provided) or your smartphone! Good walking shoes, sun protection, bug spray, and drinking water are recommended.



### Night Hike

Sunday, May 29th, 8:45 pm - 9:45 pm

Meet at the Acorn Bird Blind

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

All ages welcome!

Come experience the park after the sun sets! We'll take an easy walk on the trails and look for bats, fireflies, and other nocturnal creatures. Please bring a flashlight or head lamp. Good walking shoes, bug spray, and drinking water are recommended.



### Japanese Fish Printing

Monday, May 30th, 9:00 am - 10:30 am

Meet at the Acorn Bird Blind

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

All ages welcome!



By J.G. Wang

Try your hand at the ancient art of Gyotaku, a method that Japanese fishermen used to record their catch. All materials provided! Children must be accompanied by an adult.

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