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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance



Photo: George Cates

Suggested Castor Bean treatment

Recently, Castor Bean, an invasive species, was observed along the Llano above Yates Crossing on FM 385. Several readers, who also have noted it on their properties, have inquired about the proper treatment for its removal.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD) is diligently working to control invasive species and suggests the following treatment: Castor bean control depends on the target quantity as well as soil conditions. Removal with a weed wrench can be effective, but if the soil is dry and you start breaking off roots or tops, you should switch to chemical control methods.

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Thanksgiving Holiday Wishes

The Llano River Watershed Alliance Board of Directors wishes all members and sponsors a peaceful Thanksgiving. We are grateful for your continued support

The Watershed Week in Review will resume publication December 5th.



Photo: Texas Parks and Wildlife

South Llano River State Park announces wildlife management closures

South Llano River State Park, along with many other parks in the Texas Parks and Wildlife System, annually offer public hunts to help manage game populations on their properties. Most of these hunting opportunities are directed toward youth.

In addition to providing a great recreational activity for kids who might not otherwise have an opportunity, such public hunts are a critical wildlife management tool. At South Llano River State Park, controlling wildlife populations helps maintain healthy riparian areas along the South Llano. Overbrowsing by wildlife can inhibit the natural revegetation of trees that provide both bank stability and shading of the river.

*From 10 p.m. Dec. 11 until 2 p.m. Dec. 14, 2015
 *From 10 p.m. Dec. 20 until 2 p.m. Dec. 23, 2015
 *From 10 p.m. Dec. 27 until 2 p.m. Dec. 30, 2015
 *From 10 p.m. Jan. 11 until 2 p.m. Jan. 14, 2016
 *From 10 p.m. Jan. 25 until noon Jan. 28, 2016
 *From 10 p.m. Feb. 7 until noon. Feb. 9, 2016
 *From 10 p.m. Feb. 21 until noon Feb. 23, 2016
 The closure is for wildlife management activities.

To minimize conflicting recreation uses, the Park chooses to be closed during off-peak periods, primarily during weekdays.

...more on control of castor bean

Glyphosate is effective for managing castor bean. If the castor bean is adjacent to or near water in the riparian area, the pesticide used should be labeled for aquatic use (e.g., Rodeo or Roundup Custom). If applied for hire or for an employer, the applicator should have the aquatic subcategory on their pesticide applicator license.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Roundup Custom is labeled for aquatic use. **Regular Roundup is not labeled for aquatic use**



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Quivira Land Health Workshop - Bandera



The **free 2-day workshop** (December 4-5) will highlight ways that current practices have improved the health of the Williams' property (located near the southern limits of the Texas Hill Country) and explore the potential application of new practices. Participants will learn several techniques for beginning the process of improving soil health, plant productivity and wildlife habitat on their own land. Limited to 40 people.

Land and Livestock Conference - Menard

MENARD – The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service will conduct the **Multi-County Land and Livestock Conference** Dec. 1 in the Murchison/Whitehead Youth Complex, located on U.S. Highway 190 in Menard.

The conference starts with registration from 8-8:30 a.m. with the program from 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. The conference will include quite a mix of topics ranging from wild pig abatement legalities to watershed management with some range health and livestock topics added to complete the day.

Hill Country Fly Fishers learn about the Alliance



Members of the **Hill Country Fly Fishers** learned more about the Alliance, the Guadalupe Bass Restoration Initiative, and the Upper Llano Watershed Protection Plan last Thursday night in Kerrville.

Thanks to these fly fishers and river stewards for the invitation and hospitality. If your organization would like to learn more about the Alliance at your event, contact us at southllanoriver@gmail.com