# Watershed Week

# in Review

January 9, 2016

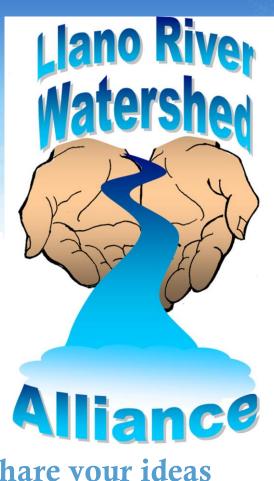


## **Trout Fishing** comes to the South Llano

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department stocked over 1,100 Rainbow Trout at South Llano River State Park on Thursday.

While these non-natives won't survive the warmer temperatures later in the year, they do provide a unique wintertime recreational opportunity.

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# Share your ideas

Join us tomorrow (Sunday) beginning at Noon at Native American Seed's Hacienda Maria to develop ideas for Alliance projects and programs for the coming year. Have a concern about the watershed you want addressed? Here is a great place to share it.

If you are unable to join us right at noon, please feel free to stop by until 1:30pm to share your ideas.

#### Save the Date!

#### Texas Stream Team Training January 30th, 2016

The Llano River Field Station at Texas Tech Junction. in conjunction with the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University, will be hosting both beginner and advanced Stream Team Training the last Details soon! Saturday of January.

## In the News

### The War on Feral Hogs

From Austin American Statesman

"The Caldwell County Feral Hog Task Force... is now at the forefront of the state's patchwork effort to control the wild swine population boom that is hurting farmers, frustrating hunters and poisoning the water in some beloved Central Texas streams and creeks."

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#### The Llano River Classroom

From Mason County News

"The group of mixed-discipline undergraduates, led by Rice University Earth Sciences Professor, Andre Droxler, was enjoying a field trip to Mason County to have a close look at the ancient Cambrian Stromatolite Reefs along the cliff faces in this section of the river. The Stromatolites exposed in this section are some of the best examples of this type of geologic formation in the world and provide an unsurpassed outdoor learning opportunity."

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### Water concerns top story in Llano - 2015

From Llano County Journal

"An effort to find a potential secondary water to supplement the city's lone water source – the Llano River – in case of extreme need was once again a hot topic in Llano in 2015. As the year closes an answer to please everyone remains elusive.

For months and months, the Llano City Council discussed and approved several items in an effort to find a secondary source of water. The City Council approved funding in its budget to drill a test well at Riley Mountain, which sits over fractured granite and which engineers said could yield a great deal of water.

At its June 15 meeting, the city nixed the proposed Riley Mountain project, which the council had gone out for bids on. The council's decision to take no action on those bids was based on both the projected cost of the project, which had soared well above the \$190,000 the city had budgeted for it, as well as concerns of whether the test well would be successful in finding a sustainable second source of water for Llano."

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