

OCTOBER 14, 2016

Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance

Join us this Wednesday at the Odeon in Mason

LRWA is partnering with [Hill Country Alliance](#) and [Wimberley Valley Watershed Association](#) to bring the Wild and Scenic Film Festival to Mason this Wednesday, the 19th.

Seven short films will screen to celebrate individuals and communities across the globe coming together and taking action for the protection and restoration of our precious lands, starry skies and wild waters.

Films:

[Monarchs & Milkweed](#) (8 min)

[Soil Carbon Cowboys](#) (12 min)

[A Dam Problem](#) (6 min)

[NOATAK: Return to the Arctic](#) (14 min)

[Brilliant Darkness: Hotaru in the Night](#) (12 min)

[Delta Dawn](#) (16 min)

[Paddle for the North](#) (33 min)

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WILD & SCENIC[®] FILM FESTIVAL
where activism gets inspired

a Change of Course

7 FILMS SPEAKERS FOOD/DRINKS DOOR PRIZES

Wednesday, October 19th, 2016
Odeon Theater, Mason, TX

Thursday, October 27th, 2016
LBJ Teaching Theater, San Marcos, TX

Tuesday, November 1st, 2016
Fritztown Theater, Fredericksburg, TX

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Events



The First

The State's very first River Access and Conservation Area kayak race launched this morning at the new [South Llano River Leased Access Area](#). Results will be available next week.

Oktoberfisch returns this weekend



The Fredericksburg Fly Fishers Club hosts the 13th annual [Oktoberfisch](#), a fly fishing festival for those who delight in Texas fly fishing while leisurely enjoying one of the crowning jewels of Texas rivers, the South Llano River at Junction, Texas.

Come say hello tomorrow at our booth.

Treating Elephant Ear



Crews from Texas Parks and Wildlife, Llano River Field Station, University of Texas and the Alliance retreated invasive elephant ears along the Llano River from Junction to Grobe Crossing this week. Large patches previously found along this stretch have been reduced to small plants less than 4 inches high.

Film Festival Selections

Monarchs & Milkweed

Steven M. Burmgardner | 2014 | 8 min.



Take a microcosmic safari through a field of milkweed and discover a whole world of life, from bees to wasps to hummingbirds to butterflies. The Monarch butterfly is completely dependent on milkweed for its survival.

Brilliant Darkness

Driscoll, Fischer, BonSci Films | 2014 | 12 min.



Explores the importance of darkness, and the erosion of it, through the study and preservation of firefly habitats in Japan and the U.S.. Fireflies disappear as artificial night lights disrupt their "languages of light." The film showcases scientists on different continents studying firefly flash patterns and how to live among wildlife in urban settings.

Soil Carbon Cowboys

Peter Byck | 2014 | 12 min.



Many people talk about the cattle business as a big environmental problem. Cattle, when properly grazed, offer solutions to soil health, animal health, human health, water supply and food nutrition. It's a brave new world, and it's below our feet.

Delta Dawn

Peter McBride | 2014 | 16 min.



The Colorado River hasn't kissed the sea in almost two decades — until the spring of 2014 when an experimental pulse of water was released into this forgotten delta. A team of river runners followed the water to witness this unprecedented restoration effort, and attempted to be the only, and potentially the last to float the Colorado River to the sea.

A Dam Problem

Upper Deschutes Watershed Council | 2015 | 6 min.



Building successful relationships takes time but those relationships are the key to completing a successful dam removal and floodplain restoration project near Sisters, OR, that benefited farmers, fish and the surrounding ecosystem.

Paddle for the North

Lukas, Sinton, Behar, Reed, Wild Lens | 2015 | 33 min.



Deep in the Canadian North, six young men embarked on an epic adventure — 1500km, six rivers, three canoes, two months. It was going to be a mighty test of endurance, determination and friendship. But what they didn't expect was the impact of the stories from one First Nations family. Some places are worth preserving.

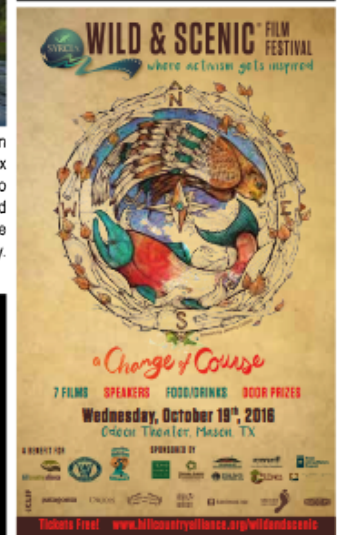
Return to the Arctic

Fitzpatrick, Sereno, Trench, The Arcti Project | 2015 | 14 min.



35 years after their first visit to the Noatak River in Alaska's wild and spectacular Brooks Range, two adventurers in their 70's reflect on a lifetime of outdoor experiences and what still awaits them.

7 FILMS | FREE



Igniting Passion for Hill Country Rivers
October 19 in Mason 6:30pm - 8:30pm
 Odeon Theatre, 122 Moody Street, Mason, TX 76856

more info: LlanoRiver.org

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Correction

Last week, we reported that the Paddling Trail sign at South Llano River State Park had been washed away in last month's rise. We are pleased to learn that the sign was indeed removed prior to the rise. This leaves only the Flat Rock sign currently unaccounted for.

California Recognizes Watersheds as part of Water Infrastructure

Last month, California passed legislation that recognizes the state's watersheds as part of its infrastructure. This legislation opens the door to using modern infrastructure financing approaches to protect and repair rivers and watersheds. Infrastructure bonds can now be used for restoration and protection. Likewise, it will be easier for utilities to justify investment in watershed restoration.



[More on story from American Rivers...](#)

How many readers remember these?

Readers born before about 1965 may remember seeing these cartons across the Hill County.

Inside were sterile male screwworm pupae. As females only breed once, this method proved to be successful in controlling the outbreak across the South.

Recently, screwworms were confirmed to have returned to the Florida Keys. This has created justified [concerns in the agricultural community](#).

The control of screwworms is also largely responsible for the [vast increases in white-tailed deer populations](#).

