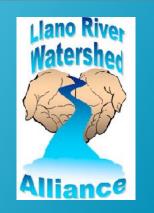
WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW



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On the Road to Recovery





Last December, as part of Winterfisch, volunteers planted willow cuttings at the upper end of the island at James River Crossing to improve bank stability. Last Monday we checked on them and about 75% of the willows were leafing out.

Repairs set to begin on Flatrock Bridge

From Junction Eagle Facebook page...

Remco, Inc. will begin work to repair Flatrock Crossing on March 16. This work will include the replacement of a 550-foot section of pavement, resurfacing the bridge deck and approaches to the bridge, and putting back the handicap parking spots on the upstream side by Texas Tech University. This work is expected to take six months.



The devastating floods that hit Junction in October of 2018 did extensive damage to Flatrock Crossing on FM 2169. The crossing suffered damage to its bridge deck, buckling of pavement at the approaches, and the loss of the concrete sides of the approach to the bridge which were washed downstream with the torrential flow of water.

Additionally, a 250-foot long and

125-foot wide section of shoreline on the downstream side was washed away, forever changing the landscape on the east side of the South Llano River and removing much of the park.

FM 2169 has been closed since November 2018 and will remain closed until repairs are complete.

In 2011, a new \$3 million dollar, 130-foot crossing was completed. It was built nine feet above the river and replaced the original crossing. During the October 2018 flood, the water level was thought to be more than 20 feet over the bridge deck. The design of the stair steps down to the river, from the rebuild in 2011 which were washed away, will be rebuilt and will wrap further around on the downstream side of the crossing. This will allow additional space for people to access the river with kayaks and tubes.

Almost Everything you want to Know about **Texas Climate** Global Land and Ocean January-December Temperature Anomalies 1.00°C 1.80°F 0.80°C 1.44°F 1.08°F 0.60°C 0.40°C 0.72°F 0.36°F 0.20°C 0.00°0 0.00°F -0.36*F -0.20 -0.40°C -0.72°F -0.60°C -1.08°F 1880 1900 1920 1940 1960 1980 2000 2020

SUMMARY:

- Last year was the 17th warmest and the 62nd driest in Texas for our 125-year record.
- Almost half of the state the southeastern half remains at least abnormally dry.
- The next three months are projected to be warmer than normal with most of the state having an equal chance of drier-than-normal and wetter-than-normal conditions.

Dr. Robert Mace with the Meadows Center for Water and the Environment at Texas State University recently released his outlook+water: February 2020 report as part of the Center's <u>Texas + Water monthly newsletter.</u>

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South Llano River State Park presents...

Won't You Be My **Neighbor**?!

Join us at the South Llano River State Park for a morning of learning and inspiration as we meet some neighbor that we thought had a bad rap! **March 14th at Acorn Bird Blind** 10:00 am till Noon

Bring : water and some chairs





tpwd.texas.gov/state-parks/old

South Llano River Friends Group and Llano River Watershed Alliance



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*This event is free

with your regular park admission (adults \$5 each, kids 12 and under are free always).

Social Distancing Recommendation:

The Llano River

We had an opportunity to get out on the Llano River between James River and Martin Crossings this week.

> Our detailed report: Flows are up! Fishing is great! Eagles are still there!

