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Watershed Week in Review

Llano River Watershed Alliance



**Happy 4th turns
unsightly the next
day**

This was the scene at James River Crossing in Mason County Monday morning following the 4th of July.



Thanks to the Mason County residents who helped clean up this mess. It could have been avoided with a little consideration and forethought.

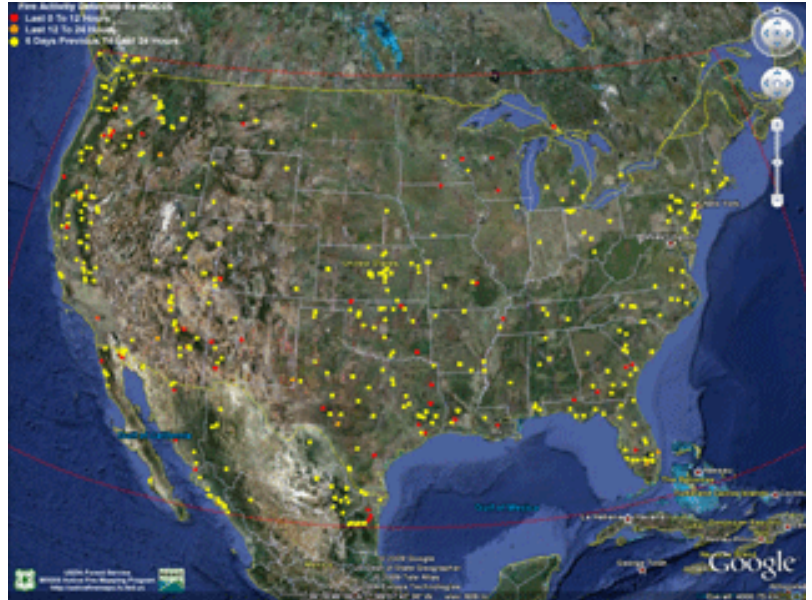
Photos: Randy Kruse

Some handy Digital Tools

Active Fire Detection Map

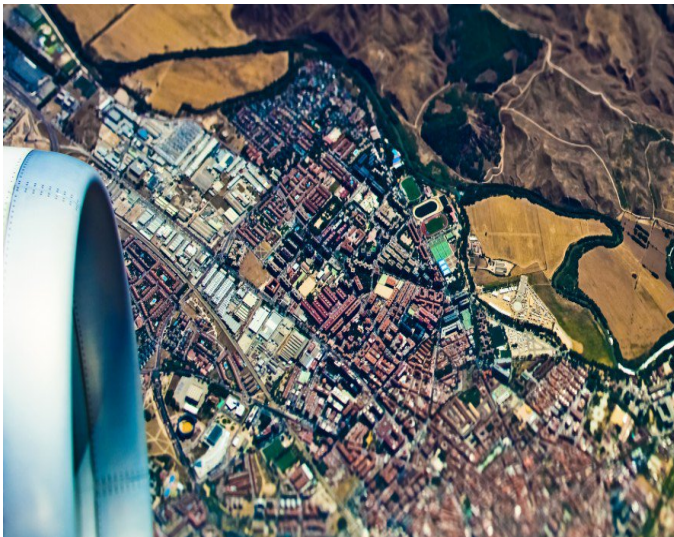
Smell smoke? Now you can see where it is coming from through the Active Fire Mapping Program of the US Forest Service.

The Active Fire Mapping program provides near real-time detection and characterization of fire conditions in a geospatial context for the continental United States, Alaska, Hawaii and Canada.



[Download the file into Google Earth](#)

What's down there?



Now you can track your flight on your phone, even in airplane mode!

[This app](#) not only shows you where you are, but provides some geology and history to boot.

Don't fly much? You can even use it in your car.

More impacts from *Arundo* than meets the eye



Photo : Emily Stevenson

We have read in this newsletter previously how Giant reed or Carrizo cane (*Arundo donax*) displaces native riparian vegetation. It also can impact flying insect communities as well.

[A recent study from Spain](#) now shows how this invasive can also impact aspects of the soil surface and the riparian food web.

Local students attend Youth Range Camp thanks to local support



Junction students Hyleh Davis and Doss Murr received scholarships to attend the Youth Range Workshop at the Llano River Field Station thanks to the generous support of the Upper Llanos Soil and Water Conservation District, the Upper Llanos Prescribed Burn Association and the Llano River Watershed Alliance.

This Wednesday

AgriLife Living Waters Conference set for July 13 in Junction



Learn about Feral Hogs and their impact on riparian areas, Watershed Management, the Ecological Benefits of Brush Management and more at AgriLife Extension's Living Waters Conference on July 13 from 8am – 2pm. The event will be held at the Coke Stevenson Center on north Highway 83 in Junction. For more information on cost and to make reservations, [click here...](#)

Become a Master Naturalist



The Hill Country Chapter of Texas Master Naturalist is now accepting applications for the Class of 2016. Texas Master Naturalist is a service-oriented organization designed to develop a corps of well-informed volunteers who provide education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their community.

Application Deadline is July 13.

[Go here for more information](#)