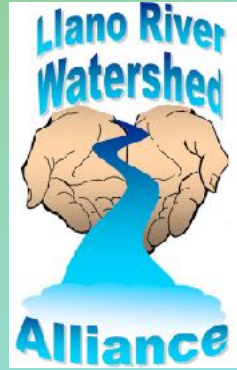# WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW

Crazy Year on Llano Coming to a Close

This will be the last newsletter for the crazy year we call 2018.

From August 6 - August 13, the flow of the Llano River at Llano was below one cfs, reaching a low 0.03 cfs, or 13 gallons per minute.

Two months later, from October 8 - October 17, the Llano flowed at an average 28,773 cfs (12.9 million gallons per minute) for a 10-day period, sending 186 billion gallons downstream and peaking at 40.17 ft for the second highest flood in recorded history at 278,000 cfs. The largest flood on the Llano occurred in 1935 at 41.5 ft and 380,000 cfs.

Flooding Cancels Trail of Lights

Flood damage to trails and bridges at the Llano River Field Station caused this year's Trail of Lights to be cancelled. Here are some pics from previous years to put you in the Holiday Sprit.

TPWD to Assess Flood Damage Friday

Photo: Texas Parks and
        Wildlife

This Friday, personnel from Texas Parks and Wildlife will be assessing the damage from the October floods on the Llano. The survey plans to examine river hazards, damage to stream banks and riparian areas, and impediments to fish passage, to name a few. We look forward to sharing some of the photos and video from the trip.

Use of Wildlife Exclosures for Riparian Protection and Management

Upper Llano River Watershed

Several fact sheets from the Texas Tech - Llano River Field Station and the Texas A&M AgriLife Texas Water Resources Institute are now available through the Upper Llano River Watershed Protection Plan. This factsheet on Wildlife Exclosures highlights the impact axis and white-tailed deer browsing are having on the riparian areas of the river. Unfortunately, many of these exclosures were severely damaged in the October floods.

August 2018 photo of exclosure constructed at Texas Tech Llano River Field Station in 2011.

Our Favorite Pics of the Llano Watershed - 2018

Mouth of Red Creek near Yates Crossing

Neathery Falls - Llano River below Junction

Morning fog near Pontotoc

Llano River above Grobe Crossing

Arriving 700 Springs

Boy and His Dog - South Llano River