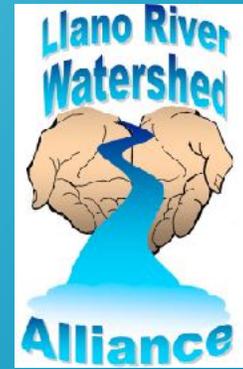


WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW



Opportunity to Permanently Protect Your Land

The Hill Country Headwaters Conservation Initiative is a \$5 million stewardship funding opportunity developed by the Llano River Watershed Alliance and other partners for ranchers, farmers and wildlife managers in the Hill Country. The Initiative includes cost-share programs through NRCS's Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) and Agricultural Conservation Easement Program (ACEP).

Pre-applications for ACEP funding will be accepted until February 15.

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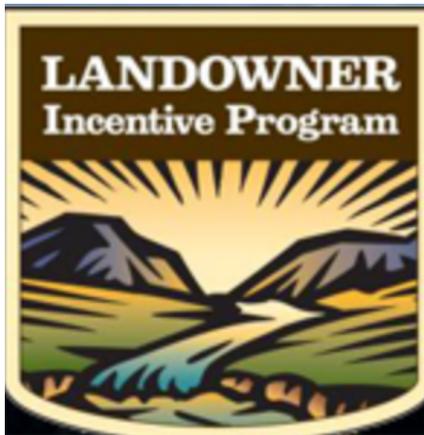
Save the Date February 24 White's Crossing Bridge



Photo: Tony Plutino

Thanks to Representative Andy Murr's office, TxDOT has agreed to hold a public meeting in Mason to discuss the design of the new White's Crossing Bridge (Highway 1871) over the Llano River. There are concerns that the new bridge will not provide adequate boater access. The meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 24th at 9am. Meeting location will be confirmed in next week's newsletter.

Landowner Incentive Program *Pre-proposal deadline Feb 16th*



Texas Parks and Wildlife Landowner Incentive Program (LIP) is designed to meet the needs of private landowners wishing to enact good conservation practices on their lands for the benefit of healthy terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems. The Llano watershed is a priority area for LIP funding.

For more information...

Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission updates Managed Lands Deer Program

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission has approved [changes](#) to the Managed Lands Deer Program (MLDP), which provides landowners and land managers with additional flexibility to manage deer populations, improve habitats, and provide greater hunting opportunities under the guidance of department biologists. The approved changes include clarifying existing program provisions and establishing fees for participation in the growing program.

“In the last 20 years the MLDP has grown from 800 tracts of land on 3 million acres to more than 12,000 tracts of land on 28 million acres, but in that time we have not had a source of funding to hire any new staff to help address the challenges we face with that growth,” said Alan Cain, TPWD white-tailed deer program leader. “The revenue generated by the new fees will be used to hire new field biologists to meaningfully engage with MLDP participants, meet technical guidance requests, and administer the MLDP.”



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Texas gets its Share of Disasters in 2019

By Perla Trevizo
Houston Chronicle



It's a bragging right Texans would be happy to do without: The state was in the path of half of the country's billion-dollar weather and climate disasters in 2019.

The Lone Star State claimed seven of 14 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's \$1 billion disasters last year and is the

only state to witness a disaster from each category the agency tracks — drought, tropical cyclone, flooding, wildfire, freeze, winter storm and severe storm.

[Full story](#)

South Llano River State Park Activities

February 2020 Park Programs

South Llano River State Park



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Hike with a Ranger! - Come hike with a ranger and explore the West Canyon Loop trail! The trail is rated as moderate - it's 4 miles long. We will meet at the **Agarita Blind** trail head next to HQ. **Thursday, February 13, 10am-Noon**

Pre-K in the Park! - Join a Ranger and have fun at a program designed for the little ones (ages 3-5) in our lives. This program will be exploring where animals live and making our own habitat. Meet at the **Acorn Bird Blind**. **Friday, February 14, 10am**