

# WATERSHED WEEK IN REVIEW



## Keep Llano Beautiful August 10 9am-12 noon

This is near Schneider Slab on the south side of the Llano River at County Road 103. Between the river and RR152

Come out and help our partners at Keep Llano Beautiful with a river clean up at the new River Access and Conservation Area.



For more info about the event.

## HOGS? No License? No Problem.



No hunting license? No problem...at least when it comes to wild pigs (*Sus scrofa*). These exotic invaders continue to be a growing detriment

to water quality, native species, habitat and agricultural production. Estimates indicate that wild pigs cause between \$800 M and \$1.5 B in agricultural damages alone each year in the US .

Governor Greg Abbott signed Senate Bill 317 into law on May 31, 2019, permitting any landowner, landowner's agent or lessee to take wild pigs without a hunting license.

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# Texas Water Development Board to Solicit Comments on Flood Planning

AUSTIN – (July 25, 2019) – During the first two weeks of August, the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) will be hosting 13 flood meetings around the state to solicit comments from the public on the new state and regional flood planning process and the new flood financing program. Both programs were established during the last legislative session.



“The TWDB is holding these meetings prior to the required formal rulemaking process to help ensure that the new programs meet the needs of Texas communities,” said TWDB Chairman Peter Lake. “Stakeholder input is the most critical part of building this program so that it effectively reflects the diversity and magnitude of flood concerns in the state.”

The flood planning program will result in regional flood plans in 2023 and the first state flood plan in September 2024. Early efforts of the planning process will focus on setting up the regional flood planning groups.

“The flood planning process will resemble the state’s existing water planning process,” said TWDB Board Member Kathleen Jackson. “Each flood planning region will have a planning group with members representing various local interests.”

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## Editor’s Note:

‘Local’ hearings will be Tuesday, August 13 in Kerrville from 9:30-11:30  
Wednesday, August 14 in San Angelo 9:30-11:30

Non-structural methods will be eligible for funding. The Alliance will attend and urge healthy riparian areas be considered as a non-structural method.

[F.A.Q. about the Flood Planning Process](#)

# Congress Contemplates Recovery Wildlife Act

*Editor's Note: Because of the work of the Alliance over the last ten years, Llano landowners would be in good position to benefit from passage of the bill.*

*From TPWD*

Passage of the *Recovering America's Wildlife Act* would mean more than \$50 million in new dollars each year for Texas, transforming efforts to conserve and restore more than 1,300 species of concern here in the Lone Star State, the majority of which are at-risk, non-game fish and wildlife.

It would do this by tapping existing federal revenue — there would be no new or additional taxes. By focusing on species of concern and their habitats, it would keep common species common and avoid the need for endangered species listings by getting ahead of wildlife declines while there's still time to act. That's good for jobs and the economy as well as wildlife, which is why this plan started with buy-in from industry and business. These creatures and their wild homes are the "goose that lays the golden egg" that sustains multi-billion dollar nature tourism industries in our state, clean air and water, and healthy outdoor recreation. This bill would mean millions in new grants to nonprofits, universities, landowners, local communities and others. Besides natural resource benefits, this could also transform nature-based recreation and education opportunities for including children and families. It would be the greatest wildlife

conservation  
breakthrough in  
decades.



Guadalupe Bass  
(*Micropterus treculii*)



Texas fatmucket

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# Full Slate of Activities at South Llano River State Park this Week

## South Llano River State Park Programs for August 2-10 2019

**Frog Watch!** -Look and listen for frogs with a ranger. Learn all about what they are talking about. We will learn about the local amphibians and hear their story of survival. Meet at the **Acorn Blind. No pets, please.** Bring: water, flashlight (red light one if got it), and bug spray. **TONIGHT -August 2, 9pm**

**At! What? At! Who? Atlat!** – Come practice your prehistoric hunting skills. Find out how hard it is to catch dinner. Meet at the **Main Day Use parking lot** (the big lot). **Saturday, August 3, 10am**

**Scat and Tracks!** - Come learn about what gets left behind. Held at the **Acorn Blind. Saturday, August 3, 1:30pm**

**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 bird blind** next to HQ. **August 8, 9am-11am**

**Macro Medley!** – Come explore the native grasses and see who are the small critters that live above and below. Meet at **Main Day Use parking lot** (the big lot). **Friday, August 9, 10am**

**Night Hike!** -Come experience the park after the sun sets! Meet at the **Acorn Blind.** Trail will be about a mile and half round-trip. Bring: flashlight or headlamp (red if you got one), good walking shoes, bug spray, and water. **Friday, August 9, 9:30pm**

by the walk-in campsite parking lot) and join a Ranger on a hike through Fawn Trail.

**Skins and Skulls!** - Held at **Acorn Blind.** Come see and touch animal furs and skulls. Find out what a skull can tell us about how an animal lives! **-Saturday, August 10, 1:30pm**

Please remember that water and sunscreen are a necessity for having a fun and safe summer!

