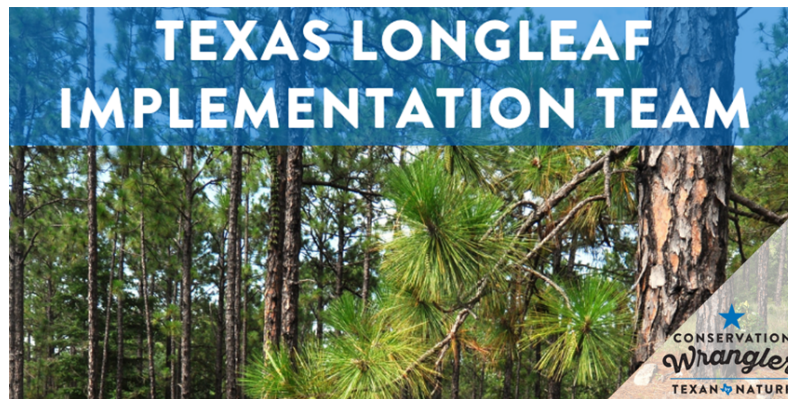


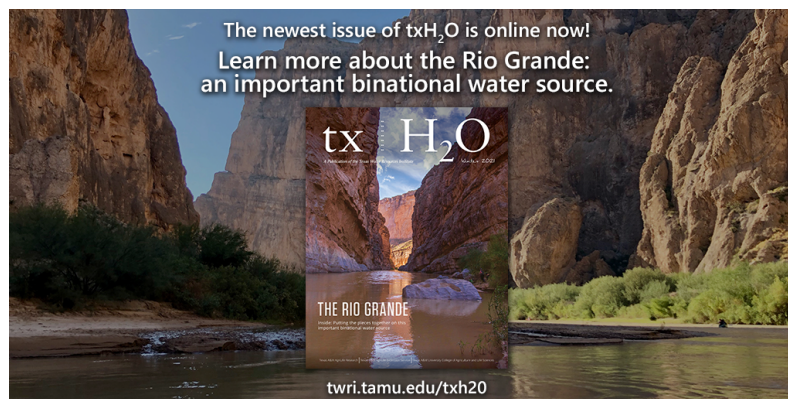
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TLIT named 2021 Conservation Wrangler by Texan by Nature

The Texas Longleaf Implementation Team was created to establish and restore upland and wetland longleaf pine savannas. The 2021 Conservation Wranglers will work with the Texan by Nature team, receiving 12-18 months of dedicated support with program management, strategic planning, marketing strategy and partnership development – whatever is needed to accelerate the project. [Read more.](#)



New txH₂O issue is published with a focus on the Rio Grande

TWRI recently published the newest issue of txH₂O spotlighting the Rio Grande. Staff writers interviewed water researchers, irrigation experts, water district managers and more to learn about the issues along the big river and the research efforts in place to overcome these challenges. [Read more.](#)



Update: Wild pigs negatively impact ground-nesting birds

Abatement efforts to reduce the negative impacts associated with wild pigs remain essential to the conservation of natural resources and native wildlife. Learn more about the impact of wild pigs on ground-nesting birds in our latest short video. [Read more.](#)



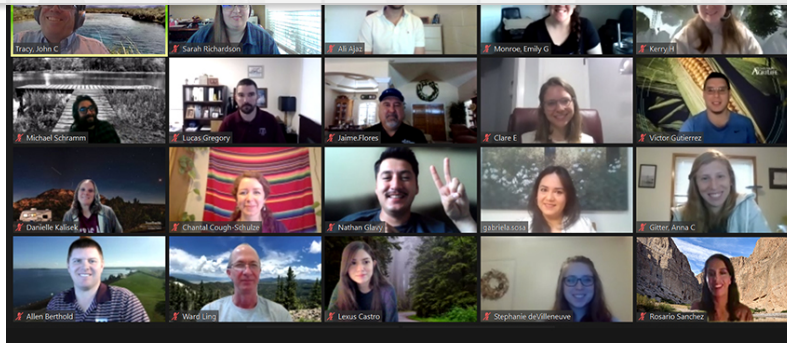
Meet a scientist: Robert Mace

Robert Mace, Ph.D., the Executive Director and Chief Water Policy Officer at The Meadows Center for Water and the Environment and a professor in the Department of Geography at Texas State University, has worked as a water researcher for over 30 years helping people understand water. [Read more.](#)



No party like a Plant Party: A look into Texas Rangeland Plants

Dr. Megan Clayton, Associate Professor and Extension Range Specialist with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and one of NRI's partners in support of the Renewable Resources Extension Act, is seeking to address the widespread lack of plant knowledge with a new program that puts the spotlight on Texas vegetation through a series of virtual events. [Read more.](#)



Embracing the weirdness: a photo essay of a year of working from home

Like so many people, TWRI staff started working from home about a year ago due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Since then, new employees have started but never met in person. [Read more.](#)



Meet Duncan Kikoyo, TWRI's new research specialist
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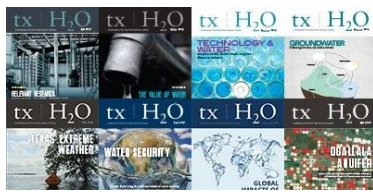
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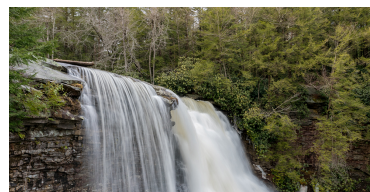
Numerous private water well screenings set for early May
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Lucas Gregory elected to the UCOWR board of directors
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txH₂O highlight: When hometown waters draw you back again
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In case you missed it: Trees: Unsung heroes of the water cycle
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Events

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[Conservation Wrangler Summit and Celebration Dinner](#),
April 20, 2021, Dallas



[Joe Pool Lake Watershed Riparian & Stream Ecosystem Training](#),
April 20, 2021, Online



[Texas Watershed Coordinator Roundtable](#),
April 22, 2021, Online



CLEAN DRINKING WATER
2021 TEXAS STEWARDSHIP WEEK
[Soil and Water Stewardship Week 2021](#),
April 25 - May 2, 2021



[Texas Well Owner Network Well Water Screenings](#),
May 2021, Various locations



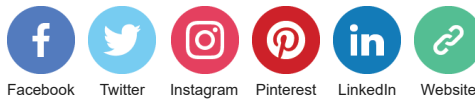
[Texas Watershed Planning Short Course](#),
September 27-30, 2021, Bandera

University land, water & wildlife news we are reading

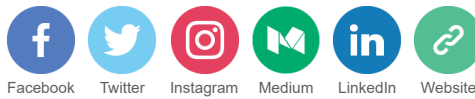
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