

## Choctaw Creek and Iron Ore Creek watershed public meeting set for September 15, 2015 in Sherman

**SHERMAN, TEXAS** – The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research invite residents in the Choctaw and Iron Ore Creek watersheds to the final public meeting for findings from the Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) project. The meeting will be held in the Grayson County Courthouse, located at 100 W. Houston St. in Sherman, Texas. Sign-in will begin at 5:45pm and the meeting will start at 6:00pm.

Choctaw Creek and Iron Ore Creek are within the Red River Basin within Fannin County. Choctaw Creek extends from the confluence with the Red River upstream to the confluence of Post Oak Creek. Iron Ore Creek extends from the confluence with Choctaw Creek upstream to the headwaters near FM120 west of the city of Denison. Choctaw Creek and Iron Ore Creek are on the state of Texas list of impaired waters for having bacteria concentrations that exceed water quality standards for primary contact recreation.

At this meeting, landowners and citizens will be updated on the findings from the RUAA and discuss the path forward. The draft technical report entitled "*Recreational Use Attainability Analysis for Iron Ore (0202K), Choctaw Creek (0202F), Bois D' Arc Creek (0202A), Smith Creek (0202G), and Mud Creek (0201A) in the Red River Basin*" will be open for a 30 day public comment period immediately following the meeting. Sarah Robinson, with TIAER, "Stakeholder input on the draft technical report is essential to ensure current and historical uses of Choctaw Creek and Iron Ore Creek are adequately represented".

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For more information about the meeting, visit the project website at <http://tiaer.tarleton.edu/ruaa/index.html> or contact Sarah Robinson at 254-968-1913 or [srobinson@tiaer.tarleton.edu](mailto:srobinson@tiaer.tarleton.edu)

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