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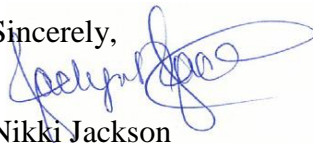
Dear Stakeholder:

The Texas Institute for Applied Environmental Research (TIAER) cordially invites you and your neighbors to a meeting regarding the Recreational Use Attainability Analysis (RUAA) taking place in Choctaw and Iron Ore Creeks in Grayson and Fannin Counties. At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to learn about the study and provide guidance and background on the study area. The meeting will be held Monday, March 10, 2014 from 6:00pm-8:00pm at the Grayson County Courthouse (3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Assembly Room) located at 100 W Houston St, Sherman, Texas 75090. An agenda for the meeting is enclosed and a map to the meeting place is printed on the back of this invitation.

Choctaw and Iron Ore Creeks in Grayson and Fannin Counties are currently listed on the *Texas 303(d) List* due to elevated levels of *E. coli*, an indicator bacteria found in warm-blooded animals. These indicator bacteria are used to assess the possible presence of pathogens that could limit contact recreation use of a waterbody. Both creeks have a presumed designated use of primary contact recreation based on the *Texas Surface Water Quality Standards* (TSWQS). Prior to June 2010, only two categories of recreation use existed in Texas. In June 2010, the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) adopted revisions to the TSWQS that expanded the designation of contact recreation into three categories while maintaining a fourth category of noncontact recreation. As a result of these revisions, waterbodies listed as impaired for bacteria are eligible for a standards review to determine if primary contact recreation is appropriate, or if a revision to the recreational use category is appropriate.

At this meeting, stakeholders will be asked to participate and provide guidance on site identification for recreational use field survey data collection and to provide input on historical uses of the waterbody. Your participation is fundamental to the success of this project. A fact sheet and map of the watershed area will be provided at the meeting.

If you have any questions prior to the meeting date, please feel free to contact me at 254-968-1902 or [njackson@tiaer.tarleton.edu](mailto:njackson@tiaer.tarleton.edu). I look forward to seeing you at the Grayson County Courthouse on March 10th at 6:00pm.

Sincerely,  


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