

Choctaw Creek and Iron Ore Creek watershed public meeting set for July 14, 2014 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 watersheds to a public meeting to discuss results from the 1st round of recreational use attainability analysis (RUAA) field surveys conducted in the watersheds. The meeting will be held July 14, 2014 at 6 pm in the Grayson County Courthouse located at 100 W Houston St in Sherman.

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

Landowners and citizens will be updated on the information collected during the RUAA field surveys that may be used to determine whether primary contact recreation is occurring and if the current water quality standard is appropriate.

Since decisions made about this waterbody will affect landowners, citizens, industries, and municipalities, local participation is fundamental to the success of this project. Stakeholders will be asked to provide guidance on the direction of this project.

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For more information about the meeting, visit the project website at <http://tiaer.tarleton.edu/ruaa/index.htm> or contact Kalyn Brymer at 254-968-1921 or brymer@tiaer.tarleton.edu

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