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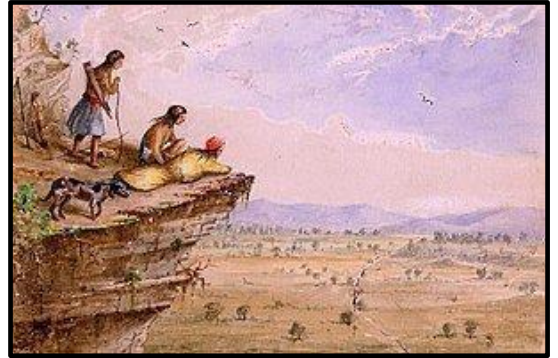
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Independence Creek: The New/Old Project

The report is now out and on the website. We will have at least one more trip to Independence Creek. This next trip will be to build more displays for their lodge from artifacts collected over the many years (mostly stone points and tools) that are still sitting in boxes.



Collecting and mapping artifacts supporting the report



This display will be going back to Independence Creek lodge on our next trip

Meyers Spring Pictographs

We supported a tour for the Witte Museum's Rock Art Foundation on Saturday, May 24th. This was more than a tour-assistance trip, though. Our Lipan Apache members and Kinley Coyan have been trying to get a Jumano representative to the pictograph wall to give us their interpretation of a particular portion of the wall. Due to scheduling conflicts, it took a few years to bring this to fruition, and this particular weekend it all came together. Jumano cultural and spiritual leader, Bill Martinez Acosta, came to view the wall and confirmed for us that there is a major Jumano pictorial story on the wall. We are producing a pictograph interpretation report with Bill's assistance.



Jumano representative, Bill Acosta



Jumano and Lipan Apache Band of Texas

Concho Mail Station

We had a planning meeting with Dr. Michael Bradle, Fort Concho Director Bob Bluthardt, and San Angelo Parks and Recreation Director Carl White. This meeting included another walk around the property to assess the current situation on the ground. The artifact displays, which were donated to WTAS, were then donated to Fort Concho for inclusion in a museum-quality display at the Concho Mail Station. This will be an ongoing project.



YouTube Horsehead Crossing Walk-and-Talk Video

The Wild West History Association informed us that, as of the beginning of May, the video had reached 97,000 views.

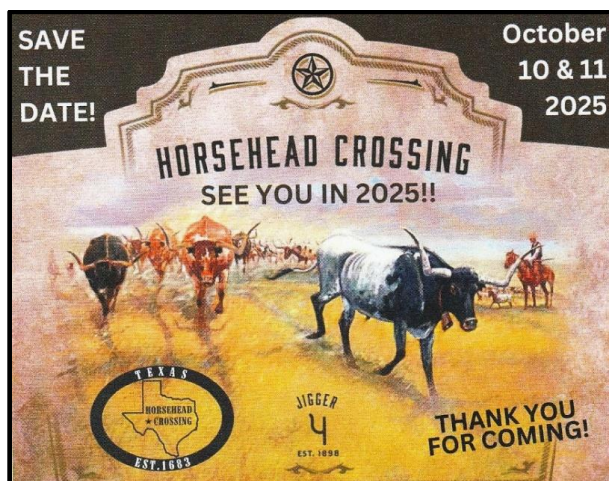


Horse Head For Horsehead Crossing

This horse skull was donated to WTAS by member, Henry Dusek and Old Friends Taxidermy, here in San Angelo. We will display it alongside other artifacts and informational displays in the Speakers Pavilion at the Horsehead Crossing weekend event in October.



Upcoming Events (field projects will be emailed separately)



Donations: We do not charge for membership, presentations, or any work we undertake on the various projects. We do it because we love it and believe that history needs to be preserved accurately. All donations are used directly to fund projects and/or public event costs. If you would like to donate to our efforts, please make checks payable to IAS. (We must maintain this banking identity for deposit under the grandfathered banking rules.)

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Updated Apr 24 2025: Zoom presentaion: Following the Butterfield Trail Across West Texas: Ft Chadbourne to Ft Stockton, Horsehead Crossing To Ft Stockton (videos), The Comanche War Trail (videos), WTAS Friends & Collaborators (new page), Walking Tour of Horsehead Crossing (videos), Feb & Mar Newsletters, Camp Shumla (reports), John L. Bullis: The Whirlwind (source documents, in reports), Camp Shumla Recon Trip (photos), Castle Gap Canyon video



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