



PRIVATE LANDS ACCESS REQUEST FORM

To the landowner:

_____ (*volunteer name*) is participating as a volunteer in Texas Mussel Watch. Texas Mussel Watch is a monitoring program that uses citizen volunteers to gather data about the status of freshwater mussels in Texas. Although very few of these species are considered threatened and endangered, they can be valuable indicators of the health of our environment. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department is very pleased to have the assistance of concerned Texans in watching over the health of these native species.

We have, however, instructed our volunteers that they cannot collect data on private land without the approval of the private landowner. Accordingly, we have prepared this form for your approval. The sections described below are the releases that we and our volunteers are required to obtain from you under Section 12.103 of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Code. If you approve, then please sign one or both sections and provide a copy to our volunteer.

1. Use of information

This documents my approval for TPWD volunteers and employees to use (such as analyses) site-specific information from the property I own or manage. This may include placing that information onto a topographic map and entering the information into a Department database. Thus, the information could be viewed by the public.

Landowner or authorized agent signature _____
Date

2. Reporting information

This also documents my approval for TPWD volunteers and employees to report (such as in publications or technical reports) the above approved information in a manner that permits identification of the location of the specific parcel of property that I own or manage.

Landowner or authorized agent signature _____
Date

3. Other conditions

If there are any conditions that apply to this approval, please specify and initial below.

Landowner/agent contact information

Optional:

Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____
 State, Zip _____
 Phone number _____

Name of ranch or tract _____
 County _____
 Acreage _____
 Location _____

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department maintains the information collected through this form. With few exceptions, you are entitled to be informed about the information we collect. Under Sections 552.021 and 552.023 of the Texas Government Code, you are also entitled to receive and review the information. Under Section 559.004, you are also entitled to have this information corrected. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, 4200 Smith School Rd., Austin, TX 78744, www.tpwd.state.tx.us