all is well here on the farm!

thank you to all those who checked in on us during last week’s wildfires
Fire consumes over 10,000 acres

Firefighters are making headway in containing the Oasis Fire located approximately 4 miles south/southwest of the City of Junction and 4.5 miles south of Interstate 10 west of Junction. Favorable weather conditions on Monday, May 2, greatly assisted efforts by approximately 100+ firefighters and other personnel as they continue with suppression efforts. The wildfire, which has consumed over 10,000 acres and destroyed ten structures, is now estimated to be 75% contained with operations personnel optimistic that containment will be complete by the end of the week.

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view of smoke from farm fields
ashes fell on us but no direct danger
several of our staff were out of town during first few days of fire at landscape architect conference in Galveston, TX.
a fire in a neighborhood
4-mi up river
burned
2 houses
undetermined how this fire started
The 10,000 acres that burned was in extremely rugged, cedar hill country - believed started by lightning.
access only to small portions of burn area by a county road
it was named

Oasis Pipeline Fire

the line did not catch fire
cedar fires are extremely hot and are nearly impossible to put out
the fire jumped one county road and kept burning
homes were threatened, and some structures did burn
TTU campus in Junction offered their space to out of town firefighters for sleeping & meals
the fire forced many ranchers to evacuate their livestock

some of our staff helped friends move animals
a few thousand acre finger of the fire taken from 5500 ft above sea level
the land needs time
and
careful management
to recover
...and rain
other farm news
westy implemented... a vision for sustainable rainwater harvesting on our farm
3 new tanks
+ 1 old tank

total capacity
18,500 gal
handmade artful gutter design to catch water from roof

1000 gallons already captured from 1” rain 2-days after finished
our old farm dog got her first ever professional spring haircut & loves it!
bruno hasn’t chased the chickens anymore
emily still gets
3 fresh eggs / day
friends visiting from Holland got thrown into the fray
the huisache daisies smell amazing!
we have literally hundreds of painted buntings signaling the Texas cupgrass is ready for harvesting
the farm continues to attract life
Cool River Cabin located between our farm fields & the Llano River has availability. Check our website www.seedsource.com.