A WEB MAP OF TEXAS POINTS

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TxDOT is beta testing a new web map that allows professional and avocational archeologists alike to “crowdsource” data about Texas projectile points. Amateur and professional archeologists across the state of Texas are encouraged to share their arrow and dart point discoveries. By adding important new data to the archeological record, you can help all Texans learn more about the state’s prehistoric heritage.

How it works:
When uploading, here’s what we need from you.
1. Title: enter the name of the point.
2. Location: enter the county name or drop a pin to a general location.
3. Comments: add info about the context of the discovery: professional excavation, surface find, private collection or other.

Once the point is submitted, your content will be reviewed before posting to the map.

Since locations of archeological sites are restricted, we may be required to change the location to a more general county-level location.

Features:
• Crowdsourcing allows people to see what work is being done or what points are found around the state in “real” time.
• As long as you have a data connection, you can add to the map from anywhere in the field.
• You can compare your discoveries to those of your colleagues.
• Future versions may have the capacity to add comments and feedback among users.

Limitations:
• The site is moderated by TxDOT. We reserve the right to approve or reject information submitted, including specific locations.
• Submissions will be reviewed on a rolling basis Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Future Functionality:
• Feedback/comment capability so people can discuss submissions
• More fields to allow for more contextual information