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LOWER RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT OPERATIONS UPDATE

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) continues to monitor Rio Grande flow conditions in close coordination with the Mexican Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission and the National Weather Service as above-normal flows affect the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Heavy precipitation in the region caused the Rio Grande to rise rapidly in Starr County on August 18. The Rio Grande in Hidalgo and Cameron Counties will be affected as these flows move downstream this week. These flows are not expected to pose any problems for Rio Grande flood control levees in the United States.

To limit Rio Grande flow downstream of Retamal Dam, which is located south of Donna, Texas, the Mexican Section has requested to divert river flow into the Mexican floodway at this location. The two Sections of the Commission have been coordinating so that Retamal Dam can be operated, as conditions warrant, to divert water into the Mexican floodway and limit downstream flows in the Rio Grande to 8,475 cubic feet per second (240 cubic meters per second).

Residents concerned about Rio Grande conditions should monitor National Weather Service forecasts.

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