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DIVERSIONS INTO U.S. INTERIOR FLOODWAY CONTINUE

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, continues to divert Rio Grande flow into the U.S. interior floodway at Anzalduas Dam south of Mission, Texas in accordance with longstanding international agreements. Water began flowing into the floodway on September 24 and levels have increased gradually since then as upstream flows have moved farther downstream through the floodway system. By diverting water into the U.S. interior floodway as well as into the Mexican interior floodway downstream at Retamal Dam, the Commission is able to limit Rio Grande flow at Brownsville, Texas-Matamoros, Tamaulipas. Water is currently flowing throughout the U.S. interior floodway system, including the Banker Floodway, Main Floodway, North Floodway, and Arroyo Colorado in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties. Flow into the floodway system remains at less than 10% of peak flow volume experienced this past July.

River flow is elevated due to releases from the Commission's Falcon Dam, located at Falcon Heights, Texas-Nueva Ciudad Guerrero, Tamaulipas, coupled with inflows from Mexican tributaries downstream from Falcon Dam. The Commission continues to release water from Falcon Dam at the rate of 15,000 cubic feet per second (425 cubic meters per second), a release rate initiated on September 24. The Commission has maintained releases from Amistad Dam, located at Del Rio, Texas-Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, at the rate of 2100 cubic feet per second (60 cubic meters per second) since September 15. The Commission continues to monitor

evolving conditions in the Rio Grande Basin to determine whether any increase or decrease in releases from the dams may be warranted in the coming days.

Residents in the affected region who are concerned about flood conditions should monitor National Weather Service warnings and forecasts for information about any flood watches, warnings, and advisories that could be issued for the Rio Grande or local communities.

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