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RAIN FORECAST FOR PRESIDIO; USIBWC MAKES PREPARATIONS

With additional rainfall in the forecast for the Presidio area over the next week, the U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is making preparations to bolster its flood-fighting capabilities. The USIBWC has been in flood operations at Presidio since September 5.

The USIBWC has been coordinating closely with the National Weather Service, State of Texas, and the Mexican Section of the Commission to monitor potential impacts of Hurricane Norbert and a local storm system expected to move into the area during the week of October 13. Because of ongoing flood conditions in the Rio Grande and the Conchos River, a Rio Grande tributary, additional precipitation could aggravate flooding in the region.

The USIBWC has maintained extra staffing in Presidio since September due to ongoing flood conditions. Three additional managers are being deployed to Presidio to assist at the local Emergency Operations Center with coordination efforts and to address any problems that could arise with Rio Grande flood control levees. Although the water surface is well below the top of the levee, our crews continue working with structural problems such as levee seepage and sand boils. USIBWC crews continue to monitor the levee 24 hours per day to respond to problems as they arise.

The USIBWC is also coordinating closely with the Mexican Section of the Commission regarding operation of upstream reservoirs on the Conchos River in Mexico.

Area residents concerned about potential Rio Grande flooding should monitor National Weather Service forecasts and any announcements from local emergency managers.

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