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USIBWC MONITORS RIO GRANDE FLOOD CONDITIONS

The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) is closely monitoring the Rio Grande due to National Weather Service forecasts of river flooding at various locations between Candelaria, Texas and Laredo, Texas.

In the affected area, the USIBWC operates and maintains 15 miles of Rio Grande flood control levees at Presidio, where minor flooding is forecast over the weekend. During the 2008 Rio Grande flood at Presidio, flow peaked at 53,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). The forecast at the time of this news release was for peak flow on Sunday of less than 2,000 cfs.

The National Weather Service has also forecast Rio Grande flood conditions at Candelaria, Eagle Pass, and Laredo -- communities where the USIBWC does not operate flood control projects. The USIBWC is coordinating closely with the National Weather Service and the Mexican Section of the Commission regarding upstream conditions on Mexican tributaries that could affect the Rio Grande. No flood releases are currently expected from the Commission's two international storage dams on the Rio Grande -- Amistad Dam at Del Rio, TX-Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila and Falcon Dam at Falcon Heights, TX-Nueva Ciudad Guerrero, Tamaulipas.

Residents concerned about Rio Grande conditions should continue to monitor National Weather Service forecasts and any announcements from local emergency managers. Up-to-date forecasts are available at: www.weather.gov/ahps.

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