



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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RELEASES FROM AMISTAD DAM AND FALCON DAM ARE REDUCED AS INFLOWS DIMINISH

Due to diminishing flows in the Rio Grande and its tributaries, the International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, will decrease the release of floodwaters from Amistad Dam, located at Del Rio, Texas-Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila and Falcon Dam, located at Falcon Heights, Texas-Nueva Ciudad Guerrero, Tamaulipas on the evening of July 10. Releases into the Rio Grande from Amistad Dam will be reduced from 35,000 cubic feet per second (1000 cubic meters per second) to the rate of 26,000 cubic feet per second (750 cubic meters per second). Releases into the Rio Grande from Falcon Dam will be reduced from 39,700 cubic feet per second (1125 cubic meters per second) to 15,000 cubic feet per second (425 cubic meters per second). The reduction in dam releases will reduce Rio Grande flooding downstream from both dams.

Diversion of Rio Grande floodwaters into the U.S. interior floodway in the Lower Rio Grande Valley at the Commission's Anzalduas Diversion Dam and into Mexico's interior floodway at Retamal Diversion Dam will continue. The U.S. Section of the Commission will continue its 24-hour levee patrols in the Lower Rio Grande Valley while flood operations persist.

The Commission continues to closely monitor evolving conditions in the Rio Grande basin and will make adjustments in dam operations as conditions warrant. Residents in the Rio Grande Basin should continue to monitor National Weather Service warnings and forecasts for any updated information about flood conditions.

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