



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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COMMISSION TO REDUCE FLOOD RELEASES FROM AMISTAD DAM

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, continues to reduce the release of floodwaters from Amistad Dam, located at Del Rio, Texas-Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila. Releases will be reduced at 7:00 p.m. CDT on July 21 from 13,000 cubic feet per second (370 cubic meters per second) to 8500 cubic feet per second (240 cubic meters per second). Releases from Amistad Dam peaked July 6-10 at a rate of 35,000 cubic feet per second (1000 cubic meters per second), the greatest releases from the dam since 1974.

Inflows to the dam have dropped considerably and the reservoir elevation is declining. The reduced releases will positively impact downstream communities that have been affected by Rio Grande flooding and will reduce the inflow to Falcon Reservoir, located at Falcon Heights, TX-Nueva Ciudad Guerrero, Tamaulipas, where flood releases of 60,000 cubic feet per second (1700 cubic meters per second) continue.

Weather forecasts are favorable but are subject to sudden change so all residents downstream should continue to monitor National Weather Service warnings and forecasts for updated information and river forecasts concerning flood conditions.

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