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RELEASES FROM FALCON AND AMISTAD DAM DECREASE; WATER DIVERSION INTO U.S. FLOODWAY TO END

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, continues to make gradual reductions in the release of floodwaters from Falcon Dam, located at Falcon Heights, Texas-Nueva Ciudad Guerrero, Tamaulipas. Releases declined over the weekend to 18,000 cubic feet per second (500 cubic meters per second) and will continue to be reduced to 8500 cubic feet per second (240 cubic meters per second) by the morning of August 17. With this reduction, the diversion of floodwaters into the U.S. interior floodway at Anzalduas Dam in the Lower Rio Grande Valley is likely to end later this week. The Commission has been making diversions into the U.S. floodway system, which includes the Banker Floodway, Main Floodway, North Floodway, and Arroyo Colorado in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties since July 8. The Commission continues to monitor inflows and reservoir elevation at Falcon Dam and additional reductions in releases are possible in the coming days. The reservoir is still experiencing above-average inflow but storage has dropped to just below normal conservation capacity.

The Commission has also agreed to reduce the release of floodwaters from Amistad Dam, located at Del Rio, Texas-Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, from 8500 cubic feet per second (240 cubic meters per second) to 6400 cubic feet per second (180 cubic meters per second) by the morning of August 17. Amistad Reservoir remains slightly above normal conservation capacity.

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