



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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FALCON DAM RELEASES INCREASE; AMISTAD DAM RELEASES DECREASE

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, will increase the release of floodwaters from Falcon Dam, located at Falcon Heights, Texas-Nueva Ciudad Guerrero, Tamaulipas, from 3500 cubic feet per second (100 cubic meters per second) to 6400 cubic feet per second (180 cubic meters per second) on October 28. Releases are being increased in order to maintain a stable level in the reservoir. The increase is not expected to cause Rio Grande flood conditions nor does the Commission expect to divert any river flow into the U.S. interior floodway system. Diversions into the U.S. floodway ceased on October 20.

At Amistad Dam, located at Del Rio, Texas-Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, releases are being decreased from 4200 cubic feet per second (120 cubic meters per second) to 1400 cubic feet per second (40 cubic meters per second) on October 28. This release rate is considered within normal operations and no further announcements will be made about Amistad Dam releases unless flood operations resume in the future.

Both dams had been in flood operations off and on since July due to tropical weather impacts that brought heavy precipitation to the Rio Grande Basin over the last few months.

Information about Rio Grande flow as well as storage and release data from U.S. and Mexican reservoirs in the Rio Grande basin is available on the USIBWC web page at:

http://www.ibwc.gov/wad/WAD_quickpick.html

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