April 1, 2020

A notice to the general public, all owners, lessees and users of lands along the Rio Grande, between 93.5 meter (307-foot) traverse and 95.8 meter (314-foot) traverse on the United States side of Falcon Reservoir

The general public, owners, lessees, and users of lands between the 93.5 meter (307-foot) traverse and the 95.8 meter (314-foot) traverse on the United States side of Falcon Reservoir are hereby notified that those lands along the banks of the reservoir, over which the United States has a flowage easement, are subject to periodic inundation at infrequent intervals from local tributary inflows and by releases from Amistad Dam. This notice is given as a public service to advise and inform you that human life, property, livestock, and other activities, existing or proposed, may be subject to flood damage, and are maintained or undertaken at your own risk.

The United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) will operate the Amistad Reservoir during flood conditions to regulate and safely convey normal and flood flows. Please be advised that during flood events and/or localized heavy rainfall/runoff, the water surface elevation of Falcon Reservoir will rise and may adversely impact interests within the flowage easements. Please refer to your local National Weather Service office for flood information during these events.

In order to protect life and property and to avoid potential obstruction or deflection of flows within the Rio Grande floodplain, the general public, owners, lessees, and users of land along the Falcon Reservoir flowage easement are advised for their own safety and for security of their properties to contact Zapata County Officials and the USIBWC, P.O. Box 1, Falcon Heights, Texas 78545, telephone number (915) 832-4777, before making any use of the lands or constructing improvements on the lands along the reservoir.

Sincerely,

Jayne Harkins P.E.
Commissioner