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COMMISSION REDUCES 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 gradually reduced on July 14 from 26,000 cubic feet per second (750 cubic meters per second) to 13,000 cubic feet per second (370 cubic meters per second) by late afternoon. 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.

With dry conditions prevailing in most of the Rio Grande basin, 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 the reservoir is experiencing a rapid rise and could reach record elevation tonight.

Even with the reduced releases from Amistad Dam, residents downstream should continue to monitor National Weather Service warnings and forecasts for updated information and river forecasts concerning flood conditions.

Operations at Falcon Dam and in the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project continue in accordance with the July 13 statement, available at:

http://www.ibwc.gov/Files/Press_Release_07132010.pdf

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