



International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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AMISTAD DAM ROAD TO CLOSE APRIL 21-MAY 11 DUE TO CONSTRUCTION

The Amistad Dam Road at the United States Port of Entry near Del Rio, Texas will close April 21-May 11 due to construction on the dam. The closure is needed because construction equipment will be blocking the roadway while work is performed on the dam. The road will be closed at the Port of Entry at its regular time of 6:00 p.m. on April 20 and will not reopen until construction is complete.

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) has arranged for the closure so that its contractor, Milcon Construction, LLC from San Antonio, Texas, can place riprap (rock) on the dam's earthen embankment in the United States. The work is being undertaken in accordance with the recommendations of dam safety experts to place the riprap on parts of the dam where the original riprap has deteriorated due to time and wave action. Placement of the rock prevents erosion and structural damage to the dam.

The closure will not affect access to the Air Force Marina. However, motorists interested in traveling to or from Mexico will not be able to cross at Amistad Dam and instead are advised to cross at the Del Rio-Acuña International Bridge.

Based on the contractor's schedule, the work is expected to be completed and the dam roadway reopened on May 12. The closure could be somewhat shorter or longer depending on actual construction progress. The USIBWC is committed to reopening the road as soon as possible when construction is finished.

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the two countries. In accordance with the treaties and other international agreements, the Commission operates and maintains Amistad Dam.

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