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AMISTAD DAM ROAD TO REMAIN CLOSED UNTIL AUGUST

The Amistad Dam Road at the United States Port of Entry near Del Rio, Texas, is expected to remain closed through the month of July and into August to allow time to remove a damaged crane from the dam and to inspect the concrete section of the dam. The closure does not affect access to the Air Force Marina.

However, motorists interested in traveling to or from Mexico are not able to cross at Amistad Dam and instead are advised to cross at the Del Rio-Acuña International Bridge.

The road was initially closed February 26 for geological drilling and testing on the dam’s earthen embankment. The closure was extended following an April 29 crane accident along the roadway across the top of the dam on the U.S. side.

Since the accident, the crane has been secured and the boom that was hanging over the spillway on the dam’s downstream side has been removed. However, additional time is needed to remove the 120-ton crane from the dam. The U.S. Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission has hired contractors to perform the work. After the crane’s removal, experts will inspect the dam for damage before the road is reopened. The Commission is committed to reopening the Amistad Dam Road as soon as it is safe to do so.

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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