



## International Boundary and Water Commission United States Section

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### **FALCON DAM RELEASES DECREASE; DIVERSION OF WATER INTO THE U.S. INTERIOR FLOODWAY ENDS**

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, will decrease the release of floodwaters from Falcon Dam, located at Falcon Heights, Texas-Nueva Ciudad Guerrero, Tamaulipas, on the afternoon of October 22 from 8,500 cubic feet per second (240 cubic meters per second) to 3,500 cubic feet per second (100 cms). Rio Grande flow downstream from the dam has been dropping this week, which allowed the Commission to cease diversion of water into the U.S. interior floodway on October 20. The U.S. interior floodway includes channels known as the Banker Floodway, Main Floodway, North Floodway, and Arroyo Colorado through portions of Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties. Although river water is no longer being diverted into the floodway system, it could still take a period of time for the water that is already in the floodway to dissipate.

Releases from Amistad Dam, located at Del Rio, Texas-Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila, continue at the rate of 4200 cubic feet per second (120 cubic meters per second).

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](http://www.ibwc.gov/wad/WAD_quickpick.html)

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