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UPPER VALLEY LEVEE CONSTRUCTION IN EL PASO: CAUTION TO PEDESTRIANS WHILE WORK IS UNDERWAY

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(USIBWC) has begun work to repair the Rio Grande flood control levee in the Upper Valley of El Paso, Texas. The project extends approximately 2.8 miles along the west levee of the Rio Grande from Country Club Road to Borderland Road. USIBWC contractors are using heavy equipment to place impervious clay on the levee to improve flood protection. USIBWC requests the public to take precautions, heed safety warning signs, and watch for heavy equipment. During construction, pedestrians and other recreational users along the river should stay on the Rio Grande River Trail and not use the levee, which is closed and not part of the trail.

The access points to the trail at West Borderland Road and the Mary Frances Keisling Park are subject to closure to ensure public safety once construction is active at these areas. Safety cones have been placed across the levee to direct pedestrians to the trail while these access points are open. Closures will take place for several weeks at a time while the levee is under construction in the immediate vicinity of these access points. Signs will be posted in advance notifying the public of the closures.

The construction is expected to be completed by June 21, 2021.

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