



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER  
UNITED STATES SECTION

INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY AND WATER COMMISSION  
UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

**April 1, 2018**

**A notice to the general public, all owners, lessees, and users of lands along  
the Rio Grande, in the reach from Penitas to the Gulf and in the interior floodways  
in Hidalgo, Cameron, and Willacy Counties, Texas**

The general public, owners, lessees, and users of lands on the United States banks of the Rio Grande, below Falcon Dam or lands within the Banker Floodway, Main Floodway, Arroyo Colorado, and North Floodway, are hereby notified that lands along the banks of the river (floodplains), depending upon their elevation, are subject to periodic flooding from local tributary inflows and by releases from Falcon Dam. This notice is given as a public service to advise and inform you that human life, property, livestock, and other activities, existing or proposed, may be subject to flood damage, and are maintained or undertaken at your own risk.

The United States Section, International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) maintains the Lower Rio Grande Flood Control Project to provide flood protection to urban, suburban, and highly developed irrigated lands in the Rio Grande delta. The USIBWC will operate Falcon Dam during flood conditions to regulate and safely convey normal and flood flows. Please be advised that during flood releases from Falcon Dam and/or localized heavy rainfall/runoff events, the Rio Grande or its floodways will unavoidably overflow and may adversely impact interests along the banks. Please refer to your local National Weather Service office for flood information during these events.

In order to protect life and property and to avoid potential obstruction or deflection of flows within the Rio Grande floodplain, the general public, owners, lessees, and users of land along the Rio Grande, and its floodways are advised for their own safety and for security of their properties to contact your County Officials (Hidalgo County, Cameron County, or Willacy County) and the USIBWC, 325 Golf Course Road, Mercedes, TX 78570, telephone number (956) 565-3150, before making any use of the lands or constructing improvements on the lands along the river.

Sincerely,

Edward Drusina, P.E.  
Commissioner