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## **GBRA issues update on lake status for Memorial Weekend**

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SEGUIN----Lakes Dunlap, Placid and Nolte (Meadow Lake) located between New Braunfels and Seguin will remain closed to motorized boat use for Memorial Day weekend while contractors finish removing debris from the October 1998 flood.

David Welsch, director of project development for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority said a decision to open Lake McQueeney "is on an hour by hour basis at this time."

Welsch said the lakes will remain closed until contractors remove the remaining flood debris and each lake is lowered for an inspection. This decision is supported by the representatives of the lake-wide homeowners' associations.

According to Welsch, cleanup efforts at the four GBRA hydro lakes are in various stages of completion. The contracted work at Lake Dunlap should be finished by next week and the contractor is concentrating on the lower area of Lake McQueeney. "There is a chance these lakes could be lowered for inspection by Memorial Day weekend," said Welsch.

Debris removal at Lake Placid should be completed next week. At Lake Nolte (Meadow Lake), the contractor has finished his initial work and has also removed items found when the lake was lowered for inspection. The homeowners are organizing a surface cleanup for the middle of next week and hope to have the lake open by the weekend of June 5.

Welsch said the process for opening a lake involves several steps. First the contractor must complete his work. Then the lake will be lowered for inspection to mark and remove items missed during the initial cleanup. At that time, homeowners will be asked to flag any pre-flood items that remain in the lake, since these are not covered under the Natural Resources Conservation Service cleanup guidelines. GBRA will post caution signs and the lakes will be opened for public use.

Plans are underway to lower all lakes in November so that homeowners can complete repairs to retaining walls, boat docks and other shoreline structures.