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Media Advisory

SEGUIN-The majority of flows through the Seguin hydroelectric lakes on Thursday, August 30, 2001 stayed within the mid-range of the green "Awareness" level on the GBRA Flood Preparedness Plan charts, according to chief engineer Tommy Hill. These are considered low-level flows characterized by "strong currents and rising levels below dams" which occur as a result of stream and creek runoff from local rainfall conditions.

On Thursday afternoon, August 30, high, ungaged, rainfall occurred downstream of Seguin in the vicinity of Lake Nolte (Meadow Lake). A widespread cell of heavy rainfall apparently occurred below the dam and for some distance downstream, backing up local streams and creeks and creating high 'tailwater' below Nolte Dam. As a result, the gates at Nolte Dam lowered as water pressure diminished.

GBRA crews worked through Thursday night and expect all gates to be raised and in operation by late Friday morning. Meadow Lake will begin refilling to its normal level throughout Friday afternoon and evening.

Meadow Lake residents may want to monitor boats and other watercraft tethered to docks as the lake refills.

During serious weather conditions, residents are encouraged to stay tuned to their local radio stations, listen to NOAA weather radio for watches and warnings, and follow instructions from their local Emergency Management Coordinator and law enforcement officials.