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## GBRA Sets Canyon Reservoir Release Rate Of 250 Cfs Through July Fourth Weekend

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SEGUIN. . . . Water sports enthusiasts looking forward to spending the Fourth of July weekend on the Guadalupe River will enjoy a release rate of 250 cubic feet per second. This rate is contingent on current weather conditions and will be re-evaluated after the holiday weekend.

GBRA general manager Bill West said this release rate is possible because of an agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers granting a 'seasonal variance' to GBRA of one foot of water in the Reservoir's flood pool through Labor Day 2005 to improve recreation flows. This additional water is only available as a result of adequate winter rainfall, and raises the reservoir's elevation from 909 feet mean sea level (msl) to 910 feet msl during the variance period. The agreement is the result of a cooperative effort among GBRA, the Comal County Commissioners Court, the Water Oriented Recreation District and the Corps of Engineers.

Canyon Dam and Reservoir was financed and completed in 1964 as a joint project by the Corps of Engineers and GBRA. The Reservoir provides flood control benefits as well as a dependable water supply and operates under permits granted by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). Releases from the reservoir are based upon natural inflows, licensed flows for the project, senior water rights, contract releases from the conservation pool for cities, industries and other downstream users, and bay and estuary flow requirements.

GBRA reminds everyone to observe water safety rules during the Fourth of July weekend. Use life jackets whether you're boating, tubing, rafting or canoeing. Wear something that protects your feet. Use a hat and sunblock to prevent sunburn. Remember that glass and foam containers are prohibited on many rivers and lakes. Don't mix alcohol and water recreation – instead, drink sodas, juice or water. Following these few simple rules can help keep you water safe.