

Corps of Engineers Increases Canyon Reservoir Release Rate

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SEGUIN- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will increase the flow rate out of Canyon Reservoir flood pool to 1,200 cubic feet per second (cfs) beginning Wednesday, April 25. Flows will then increase to 5,000 cfs on Thursday, April 26. The release is expected to last three to five days.

The Corps of Engineers anticipates a hydropower release at the reservoir by the early part of next week. This release is contingent on current weather conditions and will be re-evaluated up to the release date.

The Corps of Engineers is responsible for managing releases of water from the Canyon Reservoir flood pool between elevations 909 and 943 mean sea level (msl). When the reservoir is at or below 'conservation pool' elevation of 909 feet, the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority (GBRA) is responsible for managing the stored water portion and releases below 909 msl.

All releases from Canyon Reservoir are based upon several factors including 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.

Canyon Dam and Reservoir was financed and completed in 1964 as a joint project by the U.S. Army 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).