

Canyon Reservoir Release Rate to be Increased to 5,000 cfs

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SEGUIN- After recent significant rainfall in the Central Texas area, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (ACE) will increase the flow rate out of Canyon Reservoir from 1,425 cubic feet per second (cfs) to 5,000 cfs on Wednesday, May 30, 2007 for approximately the next 10-14 days. The Canyon Reservoir elevation is in flood pool stage at an elevation of 917.32 feet above mean sea level (msl) and the inflow at the Spring Branch gauge entering Canyon Reservoir is 3,100 cfs.

In areas above Canyon Reservoir reports indicate 3.77 inches of rain had fallen in San Marcos since Thursday, 3.73 inches at Camp Mabry in Austin and 2.38 inches at Bastrop. Reports show Canyon Lake received 3 inches of rain over the holiday weekend.

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.

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).