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AMISTAD DAM ROAD TO REMAIN CLOSED IN APRIL

The Amistad Dam Road at the United States Port of Entry near Del Rio, Texas will remain closed during the month of April due to work on the dam. The closure is needed due to heavy equipment blocking the roadway. The road remains closed at the Port of Entry and will not reopen until the work is complete.

The United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission (USIBWC) arranged for the closure so that its contractor can perform geological drilling and testing on the dam's earthen embankment in the United States and Mexico. The work is being undertaken in accordance with the recommendations of dam safety experts to continue analyzing the existing conditions of the dam.

The closure does not affect access to the Air Force Marina. However, motorists interested in traveling to or from Mexico are not able to cross at Amistad Dam and instead are advised to cross at the Del Rio-Acuña International Bridge.

The dam roadway has been closed since February 26. It had been expected to reopen on April 1 but due to ongoing drilling on the Mexican side of the dam, the closure is being extended. Currently, the Amistad Dam Road is scheduled to reopen on May 1 or sooner if work is completed before then. The USIBWC is committed to reopening the road as soon as possible.

The International Boundary and Water Commission, United States and Mexico, is responsible for applying the boundary and water treaties between the two countries. In accordance with the treaties and other international agreements, the Commission operates and maintains Amistad Dam.

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