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**Temporary Closure of Comal River –
Canyon Dam Release Rate Affecting Most Forms of Recreation on Guadalupe River**

New Braunfels, Texas — Due to heavy rains, the Comal River in New Braunfels is temporarily closed to all recreation. As of this release, the Comal River is flowing at approximately 700cfs which means water is currently flowing over the top of the Tube Chute Dam. Forecasters are predicting more rain over the next few days, so river conditions will continue to be reevaluated and a determination will be made about when recreation on the Comal River can resume. Another press release will be sent once that determination is made.

Meanwhile, the release rate from Canyon Dam has been increased to over 5000cfs by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. That outflow, combined with runoff from today's rains, means the Guadalupe River inside the city limits of New Braunfels is flowing at approximately 6000cfs. That flow is too fast to allow most forms of recreation (including tubing, and most forms of rafting and kayaking). Guided trips on the Guadalupe River are allowed, so contact local river outfitters for details. As the level of Canyon Lake is brought back to its normal level of 909-feet above sea level, the flow of the Guadalupe River will recede and more recreational opportunities will be made available.

With more rain in the forecast over the next several days, the New Braunfels Police Department would like to remind area drivers to use caution on area roads. Slow down, leave plenty of room between you and the person in front of you, and always remember: TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN.

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