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Temporary Closure of Comal River

New Braunfels, Texas — Today, in the early afternoon, a railroad work crew working at the rail bridge above Texas Tubes on the Comal River, ruptured a hydraulic line, resulting in a spill of approximately 30 gallons of fluid, with a small percentage of the spillage going into the Comal River.

In the interest of public safety, and by order of the Chief of Police, the Comal River has been closed temporarily to river recreation.

At this time, work crews from the railroad are on-site, as well as the New Braunfels Fire, Police, River Operations, Parks and Watershed Management departments. A railroad hazmat crew is in route and will be responsible for the final cleanup.

Currently Hinman Island Drive is closed, and tubing has temporarily been suspended to expedite the cleanup and for the safety of visitors. Park rangers are notifying visitors to the river at Hinman Island and Prince Solms Parks.

The situation will be assessed early in the morning and visitors and outfitters should anticipate a full opening of the river pending a positive assessment.

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