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UPDATE: Comal River in New Braunfels Open for Recreation

New Braunfels, Texas — Effective at 1pm today (6/1/16) the Comal River in New Braunfels is open again for recreation. As of this release, the Comal River flow is at approximately 600cfs and dropping. Minor amounts of debris have been cleaned up and there were no major damages to city facilities following the latest heavy rains. River-goers should be aware of potentially submerged debris and should always use caution when on area waterways. And NBPD advises that everyone wear a life jacket when participating in water recreation.

It should be noted that the National Weather Service is predicting continued rains for the next several days, with heavy rain possible. Those factors will play a role in the decisions made by city officials. 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.

Meanwhile, the release rate from Canyon Dam has been increased by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Currently that release rate is at approximately 4700cfs which increases to approximately 5600cfs inside the city limits of New Braunfels. 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. Those updates will also be forthcoming.

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