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**Temporary Comal River Closure Continues –
Guadalupe River Open for Kayaking and Rafting, but Tubing Prohibited**

New Braunfels, Texas — The temporary closure of the Comal River in New Braunfels will continue until further notice as water levels recede, debris clean up begins, and repairs are made to river-related infrastructure.

As of this release, the Comal River flow remains above 550cfs (cubic feet per second), and visibility in the water is near zero. Large floating debris (like tree limbs and branches) is a concern and will need to be removed once water levels drop. Additionally, the Tube Chute Dam has suffered some damage (mostly to railings and walkways) which now poses a safety hazard until repaired.

Meanwhile, recent heavy rains have also increased the flow of the Guadalupe River which, as of this release, was flowing at over 1200cfs. Therefore, within the city limits of New Braunfels, the Guadalupe River remains open for kayaking and rafting, but tubing is prohibited until river levels stabilize. Contact local river outfitters for details about guided kayaking and rafting trips.

The New Braunfels Police Department would like to remind any and all visitors to local waterways to use caution and to always wear a life vest when going in the water.

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