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NWS MIDLAND TO BEGIN DAILY RIVER FORECASTS ALONG RIO GRANDE

The National Weather Service in Midland, Texas will begin issuing a daily river forecast for two gauged locations on the Rio Grande. These points are located on the river 5 miles southeast of Presidio, Texas and at Rio Grande Village Campground in Big Bend National Park. These products will be issued as a River Statement between 8AM and 10AM each morning and consist of the following:

- Flood stage at that location
- Morning stage observation based on observation or automated gauging
- 7AM stage forecast for the following 5 days

All observations will be in both feet and meters due to the Rio Grande being an international boundary. These products will be available through regular NWS dissemination methods including the website: <http://weather.gov/midland>

River forecasts for the Rio Grande will be prepared by the National Weather Service River Forecast Center in Fort Worth, Texas and disseminated by the National Weather Service Forecast Office in Midland, Texas. This additional service will work towards improving warnings and forecasts along the Rio Grande in support of the National Weather Service mission of protecting lives and property.

This service is scheduled to begin on September 10, 2007. Please send comments, questions, or concerns to Lora Mueller at (432) 563.5006 or via email at Lora.Mueller@noaa.gov.