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## National Weather Service Discontinues the River Forecast Point at the North Concho River at San Angelo (SNCT2)

The National Weather Service forecast office in San Angelo, TX, Tom Green County/San Angelo Emergency Management Officials and the West Gulf River Forecast Center will discontinue the River Forecast Point at the North Concho River at San Angelo (SNCT2). The change will become effective on Monday, October 16, 2017. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) discontinued the gage at this site in April, 1987, therefore river level information has not been available at this site for over 30 years, nor has there been any updating/maintenance of discharge ratings. In addition, this site is located only a couple of miles downstream from O.C. Fisher Reservoir and as such, is highly regulated by the dam. O.C. Fisher was completed in the early 1950s and owing to that, SNCT2 has not risen above 8 feet since 1950, which is 4 feet below the established flood stage of 12 feet. Therefore, it has been collectively determined that hydrologic forecast services are no longer necessary.

The San Angelo WFO provides all weather services for 24 counties in West Central Texas. The office collects meteorological data, prepares and disseminates weather forecasts, river and flood forecasts and warnings, and issues severe weather watches and warnings to the public.

The West Gulf River Forecast Center (WGRFC) prepares river stage forecasts for more than 350 locations along major rivers in the South Central portion of the United States. Covering approximately (400,000) square miles, the center's area of responsibility includes West Central Texas. These forecasts are then forwarded to National Weather Service forecast offices throughout its service area for dissemination to the public.

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