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National Weather Service Updates Flood Stages at Brownwood, TX

The National Weather Service forecast office in San Angelo, TX, Brown County Emergency Management Officials and the West Gulf River Forecast Center have updated the flood stages for Pecan Bayou at Brownwood. The change will become effective on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. The U.S. Geological Survey reinstated streamgaging equipment in Riverside Park in Brownwood recently. The upgraded hydrologic services were a direct result of a field survey which indicated that more representative warnings for public safety could be provided using the updated flood stage.

The following critical threshold levels will be changed as follows: Pecan Bayou at Brownwood (BWDT2)

Action Stage	12 feet
Flood Stage/Minor Flood	20 feet
Moderate Flood Stage	23 feet
Major Flood Stage	27 feet

"The updated flood stage levels for the Pecan Bayou at Brownwood, TX will provide enhanced flood warning services for the citizens in this region," said Dr. Steve Lyons, meteorologist-in-charge of the Weather Forecast Office (WFO) in San Angelo. 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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