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**SAFETY ALERT – Cascade Lake**

**Hampstead, MD, Friday, July 27, 2018** – As a result of the recent heavy rainfall Cascade Lake is at its maximum capacity and inspection of the dam has revealed some damage. With anticipation of additional predicted rainfall this afternoon into this evening, the level of the lake and the current condition of the dam, immediate action must be taken to mitigate the situation. In an attempt to avoid a failure of the dam the lake needs to be drained. Plans began yesterday to pump down the lake to a safe level where a controlled breach of the dam can be accomplished are in place.

Areas downstream of Cascade Lake along the Tributary of the East Branch of the Patapsco River should be prepared for large amounts of water flowing downstream while the lake is being pumped down and during the controlled breach. Residents of the expected impact area have been and will continue to be notified.

Affected areas include locations south of Cascade Lake including Snydersburg Road, Hampstead Mexico Road and Broadbeck Road.

Current closed roads:

The Carroll County Department of Public Works has closed Snydersburg Road between Cape Horn Road and Hampstead Mexico Road (Maryland Route 482) due to the emergency condition at Cascade Lake. This closure will last until the emergency condition has been addressed. Detour routes have been posted.

Additional roads may be closed if necessary.

Carroll County appreciates the public's patience and cooperation with any travel delays or difficulties that this roadway closure may cause.

Additional updates will be distributed via [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office as warranted.

The media staging area will be located in the parking lot at the Carroll County Sheriff's Office Training Academy at 1400 Panther Drive Hampstead, MD.

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