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IMPORTANT UPDATE 10:00 AM – Cascade Lake- Hampstead, MD

Hampstead, MD, Monday, August 6, 2018- The controlled breach of the dam has started by Cascade Lake's contractors, which may take several days to complete. The plan is to excavate the dam down in stages to coincide with the current water level. The water in the lake will continue to be pumped down and additional excavation and removal of the dam will continue until it is lowered to a sufficient level as determined by MDE officials. This plan keeps the rate of water being released downstream to the same rate that has been occurring over the past several days.

During the excavation the dam, there remains a hazard of a failure of the dam due to the previous damage from the flooding.

If the dam fails and an uncontrolled breach occurs, 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 and possible flooding.

The situation is being closely monitored by the owner and owner's engineer and MDE Dam Safety. Plans have been made to close roads if necessary.

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

Current closed roads:

Snydersburg Road between Cape Horn Road and Hampstead Mexico Road (Maryland Route 482)

Carroll County appreciates the public's patience and cooperation with any travel delays or difficulties these roadway closures may cause. If you are traveling in these areas give yourself additional travel time.

This situation is dynamic and additional updates will be distributed via Twitter and Facebook from the Carroll County Sheriff's Office as warranted.

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