

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EVENT: Secretary Sally Jewell to Visit Hughesville Dam

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 11:30 am

PLACE: Press Conference to be held at Hughesville Dam site, 608 Route 627, Pohatcong Township

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Bloomsbury, NJ Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell will be visiting the Musconetcong Watershed Association's River Resource Center and touring the Hughesville Dam removal project in Pohatcong and Holland Townships on Thursday, September 8, 2016. The day will begin with a roundtable discussion on the importance of dam removals in river restoration at the River Resource Center with Secretary Jewell and members of the Musconetcong River Restoration Partnership (MRRP). The MRRP is a multi-disciplinary team of agencies, organizations and individuals working to improve and restore the Musconetcong River. The group includes the Musconetcong Watershed Association, Natural Resources Conservation Service, National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, US Fish & Wildlife Service, American Rivers, North Jersey Resource Conservation and Development Council, New Jersey Trout Unlimited, NJDEP Division of Fish & Wildlife, National Park Service and private landowners. Due to size constraints of the building this meeting is not open to the public.

Following the roundtable discussion, Secretary Jewell will tour the Hughesville project site where a press conference will be held at 11:30 a.m. The Hughesville Dam is owned by International Process Plants and Equipment Corporation and has not been used to generate power since 1999.

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