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DCNR Cancels White-Water Release into Tohickon Creek

Harrisburg, PA – A depleted water source has forced cancellation of a white-water release planned early next month from Lake Nockamixon into the Tohickon Creek in Bucks County, Bureau of State Parks Director John Hallas said.

Lack of significant rain in recent weeks, combined with resultant low water levels at Lake Nockamixon, the source of the white-water discharge, forced the bureau's decision, Hallas said.

"We know this event has become increasingly popular with white-water boaters, viewers and others," Hallas said, "but we must safeguard the safety of participants as well as the resources of our state parks.

"Lake Nockamixon is several feet below normal and drawing the lake down an additional 1.5 to 2 feet could adversely affect the ability of boaters to launch and remove boats from the lake," Hallas said.

When conditions permit, the director said DCNR remains committed to providing the two-day, biannual event that has been cancelled in recent years by highway bridge work, Hurricane Sandy damage and an equipment failure.

Scheduled annually each fall and spring, the release was set for Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 5-6. Water was to be released from the Nockamixon State Park dam on a schedule that would provide boating water downstream each day at Ralph Stover State Park. The bureau hopes to resume the activity in March 2017.

The releases are eagerly awaited by white-water paddling enthusiasts, and draw skilled kayakers, canoeists and occasional rafters from throughout the northeastern United States. Most launch their craft at Ralph Stover State Park, near Pipersville, Bucks County, and travel approximately four miles along the Tohickon Creek to its junction with the Delaware River at Point Pleasant.

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