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Water Pumps Working Along the C&O Canal NHP Towpath

Hagerstown, Md. – In preparation for the summer season, the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park has turned on most drinking fountains and reattached handles to water pumps along the towpath. Water is currently unavailable at the Lock 5 area restroom at mile marker 5 in Brookmont, Md. and the Killansburg Cave Hiker Biker campsite at mile marker 75.08, just outside Shepherdstown, Wv.

At Killansburg Cave, the well pump handle is expected to be re-attached within two weeks. At Lock 5, a burst pipe has resulted in a water shut down. Estimated time for repair at Lock 5 has not been determined. All other water pumps in hiker biker campsites or drive in campsites are operational. Updates on the status of water throughout the park are available on the park website throughout the season at: www.nps.gov/choh

“These water pumps and drinking fountains are a resource for our visitors whether they are biking, hiking, camping, or enjoying the C&O Canal,” said C&O Canal NHP Chief of Interpretation, Education, and Volunteers, Catherine Bragaw.

If you have any questions concerning the well pumps within the C&O Canal, please contact Greg Kniesler, Chief of Maintenance, at 301-714-2211.

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ABOUT THE C&O Canal: The Chesapeake and Ohio Canal National Historical Park preserves and interprets the historical, natural and recreational resources of the C&O Canal. Over 5,000,000 visitors a year enjoy the opportunities for recreation and understanding that the Park has to offer. For more information, visit the Park’s website at www.nps.gov/choh.

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