

PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT  
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE ALBANY NY  
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...CHANGE TO FLOOD WARNING AND FORECAST SERVICES...

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SUBJECT: NWS SCHOHARIE RESERVOIR WARNING SERVICES MOVING FROM  
GILBOA DAM GAGING STATION TO DOWNSTREAM STATION AT GILBOA BRIDGE

DUE TO A CHANGE IN THE WAY THE NEW YORK CITY DEPARTMENT OF  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (NYCDEP) IS ABLE TO OPERATE THE  
SCHOHARIE RESERVOIR...THE CURRENTLY ESTABLISHED FLOOD STAGE AT  
THE SCHOHARIE CREEK AT GILBOA DAM (GILN6) RIVER FORECAST POINT IS  
NO LONGER A CONSISTENT INDICATOR OF DOWNSTREAM FLOOD IMPACTS.

AS A RESULT...WHILE FORECASTS OF POOL ELEVATIONS WILL STILL BE  
PROVIDED BY THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE (NWS)...FLOOD WARNINGS  
WILL NO LONGER BE ISSUED FOR THIS POINT. INSTEAD...THE RIVER GAGING  
STATION JUST DOWNSTREAM OF THE SCHOHARIE RESERVOIR...SCHOHARIE  
CREEK AT GILBOA BRIDGE (GBRN6) WILL BE USED AS THE PRIMARY INDICATOR  
FOR DOWNSTREAM FLOOD IMPACTS.

CURRENT FLOOD STAGE ON SCHOHARIE CREEK AT GILBOA BRIDGE (GBRN6) IS  
20 FEET AND ACTION STAGE IS 18 FEET. AS PART OF THIS SERVICE  
COORDINATION EFFORT...THESE WERE DETERMINED TO BE TOO HIGH TO  
ACCURATELY DEPICT DOWNSTREAM FLOOD IMPACTS. THUS...CONCURRENTLY WITH  
THE MOVE IN WARNING SERVICES...FLOOD CATEGORIES WILL BE LOWERED. NEW  
FLOOD CATEGORIES AT GILBOA BRIDGE WILL BE:

ACTION STAGE	15 FEET
FLOOD STAGE	17 FEET
MODERATE FLOOD STAGE	19 FEET
MAJOR FLOOD STAGE	22 FEET

FLOOD WARNING SERVICES FOR GILBOA DAM NEW YORK (GILN6) WILL BE MOVED  
TO SCHOHARIE CREEK AT GILBOA BRIDGE (GBRN6) AT 8 AM EASTERN DAYLIGHT  
TIME ON WEDNESDAY JUNE 3 2015. THE ABOVE NEW FLOOD CATEGORIES WILL  
ALSO GO INTO EFFECT AT THIS TIME.

THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE WELCOMES PUBLIC FEEDBACK. IF YOU HAVE  
ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS ON THIS CHANGE...PLEASE CONTACT:

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