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## HOUSE PANEL APPROVES \$\$\$ FOR UPPER MUD RIVER

WASHINGTON D.C. --- WEST VIRGINIA'S FOURTH DISTRICT CONGRESSMAN NICK J. RAHALL, A MEMBER OF THE HOUSE PUBLIC WORKS AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE, URGED THE COMMITTEE TO APPROVE \$4,397,300 FOR THE UPPER MUD RIVER WATERSHED PROJECT IN LINCOLN, BOONE AND CABELL COUNTIES.

FOLLOWING A STATEMENT BY CONGRESSMAN RAHALL, WHO SAID, "SINCE 1939 THIS AREA HAS BEEN VICTIMIZED BY TEN MAJOR FLOODS, WHICH HAS COST THE AFFECTED COMMUNITIES NEARLY ONE MILLION DOLLARS ANNUALLY," THE COMMITTEE VOTED TO APPROVE FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT.

"THIS PROGRAM," RAHALL OBSERVED, "CALLS FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-PURPOSE DAM UPSTREAM FROM THE CITY OF HAMLIN. THE DAM WILL CREATE A 307 ACRE LAKE, PROVIDING SOME NEEDED WATER BASED RECREATION FACILITIES FOR THIS REGION OF THE STATES."

"THE WORK OUTLINED BY THIS PROJECT WILL REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF SEDIMENT ENTERING THE MUD RIVER, THEREBY REDUCING THE POTENTIAL OF FLOODING," RAHALL STATED, "AND THE RECREATION FACILITIES WILL DRAW AN ESTIMATED 94,800 VISITORS A YEAR TO THIS AREA, GIVING THE LOCAL ECONOMY A BOOST."

TOTAL COST OF THE WATERSHED PROJECT IS \$9,315,400, WITH \$4, 918,100 COMING FROM THE LOCAL SHARE AND \$4,397,300 NOW TO COME FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.