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Availability for Public Comment: Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for Ballville Dam Project

The final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to analyze the proposed removal of Ballville Dam, including alternatives and associated impacts, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), is now available for public review. The SEIS supplements the previous final EIS completed for this project, published on August 1, 2014. New information in the supplement addresses additional sediment data and analysis to help further assess alternatives and associated impacts. The proposed project will restore natural hydrological processes across a 40 mile stretch of the Sandusky River and improve overall conditions for native fish communities.

Written comments on the final SEIS must be received or postmarked by 11:59 p.m. Central Time, November 28, 2016.

The final SEIS can be viewed electronically at: <http://www.fws.gov/midwest/fisheries/ballville-dam.html>

The final SEIS can be reviewed in hardcopy at:

- Birchard Public Library, 423 Croghan Street, Fremont, OH 43420;
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Ohio Ecological Services Field Office, 4625 Morse Road, Suite 104, Columbus, OH 43230 (Phone: 614/416-8993);
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Midwest Regional Office - Fisheries, 9th Floor, 5600 American Blvd. W., Bloomington, MN 55437 (Phone: 612/713-5350).

Comments on the final SEIS can be emailed directly to BallvilleDam@fws.gov, or by hard copy or fax to Jessica Hogrefe, 5600 American Blvd. W., Bloomington, MN 55437 (Phone: 612/713-5102; Fax: 612/713-5292).

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