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MEDIA ADVISORY — WEDNESDAY IN PERRY COUNTY — Shapiro Administration to Highlight Lyme Disease, Tick Bite Prevention Best Practices at Little Buffalo State Park

Newport, PA – Tomorrow, Department of Health (DOH) Secretary Dr. Debra Bogen and Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn, and Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Deputy Secretary John Ryder will visit Little Buffalo State Park in Perry County to highlight the importance of residents taking precautions to prevent Lyme disease and tick bites.

Pennsylvania typically ranks in the top 10 in the country for Lyme disease cases per 100,000 residents. Last year, DOH recorded 16,620 lab-confirmed cases of Lyme disease. Most cases of Lyme disease can be treated successfully with a short course of antibiotics. However, if the infection is left untreated, it can spread to joints, the heart, and the nervous system.

WHO:

DCNR Secretary Cindy Adams Dunn DOH Secretary Dr. Debra Bogen DEP Deputy Secretary for Field Operations John Ryder

WHEN: Wednesday, July 2, at 11:00 AM

WHERE:

Little Buffalo State Park Amphitheater (Google Maps Location)

VISUALS:

A tick drag demonstration will occur following the news conference.

MEDIA RSVP:

Media interested in attending should RSVP to <u>werobinson@pa.gov</u>.