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HUD Secretary Ben Carson to Visit Louisiana

On Monday, Secretary Carson will travel to Baton Rouge, La. to visit areas impacted by the historic flooding last year. To help hard-hit areas in several states recover from severe flooding that occurred in 2015 and 2016, Congress appropriated a combined \$3 billion in disaster recovery grants. The State of Louisiana is the largest single grantee, receiving a total of \$1.7 billion in recovery funds to address the long-term recovery following last year's flooding in Baton Rouge and surrounding parishes.

The Secretary's visit coincides with the anniversary of the flooding, when then candidate Donald Trump, and his running mate Mike Pence, came to Denham Springs to see the flooding firsthand and to focus national attention to a disaster that was being overlooked by folks outside of the Bayou State.

On Tuesday, Secretary Carson will be in New Orleans to tour public housing developments rebuilt with HUD funding after the catastrophic 2005 hurricanes. The mixed-income properties of Bienville Basin and Columbia Parc house important services for HUD-assisted families, including onsite daycare, computer labs, counseling and other job placement services. These offerings are an example of what HUD will begin rolling out later this year through its 'Envision Center' initiative.

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Today, Monday, August 14th

Who: HUD Secretary Ben Carson

Senator John Kennedy (R-LA)

Rep. Garret Graves (R-LA-6)

Mayor Gerard Landry

What: Tour of Denham Springs Housing and Press Conference

Where: 31435 LA Highway 16, Denham Springs, LA 70726 (Tour)

Livingston Parish News, 688 Hatchell Lane, Denham Springs, LA 70726 (Press Conference)

When: Monday, August 14, 2017

3:35pm CT (Tour)

4:15pm CT (Press Conference)

Tuesday, August 15

Who: HUD Secretary Ben Carson

Governor John Bel Edwards

What: Tour of Bienville Basin, Columbia Parc, and Press Gaggle

Event 1: Tour Bienville Basin Choice Neighborhood with Governor Edwards

215 Treme Street, New Orleans, LA 70112

12:55pm CT

Event 2: Tour of Columbia Parc at the Bayou District

1400 Milton Street, New Orleans, LA 70122

2:45pm CT

Event 3: Press Gaggle at Columbia Parc

1400 Milton Street, New Orleans, LA 70122

3:30pm CT