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West Nile Virus found in Ada County

(Boise, ID) – The Ada County Weed, Pest & Mosquito Abatement Department reports that a mosquito trap in northwest Ada County near Star tested positive for West Nile Virus this week.

The trap is located in an area north of Chinden Boulevard and Ten Mile Rd. This is the first positive test for West Nile Virus in Ada County this year. Another trap along the Boise River near Star showed a temporary positive and has been submitted to a lab for confirmation. Ada County Weed, Pest & Mosquito Abatement are actively going through their routine of testing all sites, as well as fogging one square mile around the area that tested positive.

“When we have a positive result like this, we address it immediately, said Weed, Pest & Mosquito Abatement Director Brian Wilbur. “We constantly work to stay on top of the county’s mosquito population. We will continue to keep a close eye on these locations, in addition to our regular treatment efforts throughout all of Ada County.”

West Nile Virus is a potentially deadly virus. Mosquitos are most active between dusk and dawn and residents should take measures to protect themselves and their families from mosquitoes that could carry it. Remember the D’s:

- **DRAIN** any standing water on your property that may produce mosquitos.
- **DRESS** appropriately by wearing light colored, loose long sleeves and pants when outdoors.
- **DEFEND** yourself against mosquitos by covering up exposed skin and apply DEET or another EPA-approved insect repellent.

To stay informed on current Mosquito Abatement activity in Ada County, visit our online Mosquito Tracker at <https://adacounty.id.gov/Mosquito-Abatement/Mosquito-Tracker> to view daily mosquito trap findings and surveillance site locations.

More information on West Nile Virus can be found on the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare website at

<http://healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/health/diseasesconditions/westnilevirus/tabid/112/default.aspx>

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