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West Nile Virus Activity Continues in Baker County

Baker City, Ore.—Mosquitoes in Baker County continue to test positive for West Nile virus. The mosquitoes were trapped approximately 2 miles south of the town of North Powder on the Baker County side. This is the third pool of mosquitoes to test positive for the disease in Baker County in 2024. While you are outside enjoying what is left of the summer weather, Baker Valley Vector Control District would like to encourage everyone to protect themselves from mosquito bites. Follow these tips to protect yourself from mosquitoes:

- Eliminate sources of standing water that are a breeding ground for mosquitoes, including watering troughs, bird baths, ornamental ponds, buckets, wading and swimming pools not in use, and old tires.
- When engaged in outdoor activities at dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, protect yourself by using mosquito repellants containing DEET, oil of lemon eucalyptus or Picardin, and follow the directions on the container.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants in mosquito-infested areas.
- Make sure screen doors and windows are in good repair and fit tightly.

Additional information about West Nile virus:

Oregon Health Authority website:

<http://public.health.oregon.gov/DiseasesConditions/DiseasesAZ/WestNileVirus/Pages/survey.aspx>

U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dvbid/westnile/index.htm>

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