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Dear Mayor and Council Members:

Enclosed is the Cache MAD's annual report for 2008. Although the season was about two weeks shorter this year because of the colder weather in early June and late September, we still saw very high numbers of mosquitoes. Most of the mosquitoes trapped in the District were the *Culex* species, which are the ones that carry West Nile Virus in our area. Tests on the mosquitoes trapped showed a fairly high number of WNV positive pools (the second highest rate in the state).

A grant from the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food helped the District purchase equipment so we may run our own tests for WNV in mosquitoes. This allows us to respond quicker to areas showing an increase in disease-carrying mosquitoes. Currently, sending the mosquito pools to the state for analysis involves at least a week before finding out the results.

The District has adopted a policy requiring people to submit a written request for no fogging of pesticide at their property. When possible, the District will honor the properly submitted requests. However, we are charged by law to abate mosquitoes and may have to suspend such courtesy observances due to increased mosquito or disease activity.

Sincerely,

Cache MAD
Board of Trustees

