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A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Scott Bender DVM".

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RE: Navajo Nation Fair and Vesicular Stomatitis Virus (VSV) Outbreak – Preventive Management & Quarantines.

Be advised that the Navajo Nation was diagnosed with several cases of Vesicular Stomatitis virus (VSV) this past week, involving cattle, horses and one Rodeo stock contractor that are now under quarantine.

This disease is increasing and is now found in Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, North Dakota, Nebraska, Texas and now the Navajo Nation.

Due to this outbreak, ALL livestock and horses for the Navajo Nation Fair and Rodeo will need to have a Certificate of Veterinary Inspection (a "health inspection") within 14 days of travel saying that they were checked by a Veterinarian and found free of VSV.

This is for the both the PROTECTION of the Navajo Nation AND the LIABILITY of the Navajo Nation Fair, to prevent the fair being held liable for a disease outbreak originating during the fair.

Navajo Nation Resource Enforcement will be conducting random checks of livestock/horse haulers during the fair to check for papers, but it will be the responsibility of the Navajo Nation fair to communicate the requirement to participants and prevent entry of livestock without the required paperwork. This requirement will also apply to all livestock contractors for the rodeo.

It is in the best interest of the Navajo Nation and the Navajo Nation fair to be as proactive in preventing further spread of VSV, and we do NOT want to be the fair that gave all the livestock VSV to take home!

Thanks for your help and understanding on this difficult disease outbreak. We MUST prevent further spread. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above number or Dr. Upshaw-Bia, at (505) 371-5216.