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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Faculty, Staff & Students

**FROM:** Willie Wood

**SUBJECT:** Prevention: Tick bites/Lyme Disease, Ehrlichiosis and/or other pathogens

Ticks are prevalent in wooded areas and there is always a possibility of contracting Lyme Disease, Ehrlichiosis and/or other pathogens from tick bites while outdoors in these areas especially during warm and dry periods.

**PRECAUTIONS**

Should be taken to avoid ticks and tick bites:

- 1) Wear long pants and tuck the legs inside socks.
- 2) Apply permethrin **on clothing only** or OFF and other insect repellents **on skin**.
- 3) After hiking or working outdoors, inspect yourself for ticks.
- 4) Anyone who experiences flu-like symptoms after possible contact with ticks at work, should first file a claim with Workmen's Compensation and then seek medical attention immediately.

**MANDATORY**

To claim injury/sickness from Workmen's Compensation you are required to keep a **tick log** in your own possession which must include the following for **each day** of suspected contact:

- 1) Your name.
- 2) Date of bite.
- 3) Where you are working when the tick bite occurs.
- 4) Your supervisor's signature.

**TICK ID**

A tick ID card, memo and information brochure for each student in each lab will be included with all SFRC field lab equipment. Extra copies are available from Paul Proctor in B-1/Equipment Room and Willie Wood in 118A N-Z/Operations.

**NOTE**

Faculty, staff and T.A.'s should make this information available to all students and OPS.

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