

Hi all,

Recently a park service employee working at Fenton Lake contracted Hantavirus. A second park employee was hospitalized yesterday. It appears the exposure occurred when the employees went into an old shed to obtain some life preservers to help retrieve a "bucket". It was reported that one of the helos working a fire dropped the bucket into the lake and several employees went to retrieve it.

The park service employees went into a shed to obtain "life preservers" to allow the FS employees to go into Fenton Lake to retrieve the bucket. Fenton Lake is in the Santa Fe NF, near the Jemez and Cuba Ranger Districts. The Ranger district has done a great job of informing the employees of the potential for exposure and what symptoms to be aware of. Anyone showing any of the symptoms, are encouraged to seek medical assistance immediately. It is my understanding that as of this morning all affected employees have been made aware of the potential exposure.

Please ensure employees are aware of the potential of Hantavirus exposure, especially in NM. Here is the CDC web site for more info

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hanta/hps/index.htm>

<http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/diseases/hanta/hps/noframes/symptoms.htm>

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