



MOSQUITO CONTROL UPDATES

Email from Morrow Bio Science: May 26, 2017

Morrow Bio Science, the CSR D's mosquito control contractor, was back out at the new site (referenced earlier) this week and the good news is that not nearly as many adult mosquitoes were produced as he had anticipated, and the site is clear of new mosquitoes.

Now that this site is mapped and on the radar it will be monitored and treated early.

The not-so-good news is that the only real access point to this site was covered with fresh grizzly prints and scat. Morrow has suggested that fighting black bears is one thing, fighting a grizzly is quite another. Armed with bear spray and a tremendous singing voice, we still feel it isn't safe to go in the site now that the foliage has come on.

That being said, the sites on the benches tend to activate once and early, and have already produced the batch of mosquitoes that we expect this year. We will continue to monitor a safe subset of them and if we notice any activity at all we will conduct a thorough aerial treatment of the bench sites.

Next year we will work to cut a better access trail into some of the more difficult sites and pair up with monitoring them. There are also enough sites along the bench that we feel an aerial campaign early in the season is justified (previously it was relatively easy to treat all the bench sites by ground - now that there are more known sites it seems more efficient to treat them at once from the air - we conducted a small aerial this year, but can now link more sites into that).