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Subject Fw: ticks and mammalian meat allergy

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If Lyme disease wasn't bad enough, here is another tick borne syndrome that can put a serious damper on eating any mammalian meat, including deer. So far, we know of 3 people on the Shenandoah National Park and 1 on the Nantahala/Pisgah who have been diagnosed with this. Another reason to be super diligent about keeping ticks from attaching.

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I sent this to Woody, hopefully he'll forward to the Forest as safety message.....

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To Woody Lipps/R8/USDAFS@FSNOTES

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Subject ticks and mammalian meat allergy

Hey Woody - Some people may already know about this, but I learned about a potentially life-threatening allergic condition last week that we need to know about and have folks be aware of w/ field season upon us. This is another tick-bite illness/condition to add to the growing list of nasty tick induced ailments. It's an allergy that apparently results from tick (&/or chigger?) bites and sets-off a reaction leading to an allergy to eating mammal meat. Sounds strange, but very real and can result in some serious reactions including anaphylactic shock. Two folks who were at this small meeting have come down w/ this allergy in the past year. One is the fire ecologist at Shenandoah Nat'l Park and the other is the botanist for the Nat'l Forests in NC. SNP now has at least three folks who have developed this allergy as the result of tick bites in the Park. Research is being done at UVA and the following link is to their website:

<http://allergytomeat.wordpress.com/frequently-asked-questions/>
<http://allergytomeat.wordpress.com/>

Also, here's links to articles in the Washington Post and Roanoke Times:

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2009/10/19/AR2009101902874.html>
<http://www.roanoke.com/news/roanoke/wb/253939>

If you search the web for anything like "tick mammalian meat allergy" you'll get many hits to articles, papers, & news. Most folks who have had severe reactions now carry epi-pens (epinephrine injectors) and need to be cautious about eating anything w/ mammal meat or even cooked w/ mammal meat like

broth. We should become familiar w/ anaphylactic shock symptoms plus know what epi-pens are and how to administer in an emergency (not only for this tick-caused allergy but also bee stings and other food allergies, etc.).

Seems like ticks are getting to be the most dangerous animal we're likely to encounter!!!

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