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EISF TAKES PRECAUTIONARY THREE WEEK MORATORIUM ON EQUINE ACTIVITIES

Blackfoot, ID – After the confirmed outbreak of EHV-1 (Equine Herpes Virus) throughout the Western United States and Canada, the Eastern Idaho State Fair has taken the precautionary measure of placing a moratorium on all equine activities on its grounds through June 10.

Brandon Bird, General Manager of EISF, said on Monday, “After serious consideration and discussion with local veterinarians and officials in the horse industry, the EISF Board of Directors has placed a moratorium on any equine activities or events for three weeks or until the EHV-1 virus is contained.” This three week closure will not affect any events scheduled on the grounds but will affect those who use the W. Events Arena & the EISF race track for training purposes. Horses that have been on the grounds for the past three weeks will be allowed to continue on the grounds. If a horse is removed from the grounds they will not be able to return until the moratorium is lifted.

This past weekend the District 4 High School Rodeo to be held at EISF was canceled as a voluntary prudent response to the outbreak of EHV-1 in Ogden, Utah. “The horse industry plays a major role in both summer and fall activities on the Fairgrounds. We want to do our part to restrict horse movement and the possible spread of this highly contagious virus ensuring that this outbreak does not affect future horse events and Fairtime competitions,” said Bird.

The EHV-1 virus affects only equines and is not transmittable to other animals or humans. EISF has no knowledge of any confirmed cases in Bingham County.

The Eastern Idaho State Fair is a 16 County Fair District that is in its 109th year of operations. Over 215,000 people visit the annual event making it Eastern Idaho’s longest running and largest community event. The mission of the EISF is to provide wholesome, affordable family entertainment and education in an agricultural environment within clean and safe surroundings. This year’s eight day fair begins September 3.