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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**St. Lucie County to Conduct Aerial Larviciding for Mosquitos March 29 on South Hutchinson Island**

SOUTH HUTCHINSON ISLAND – St. Lucie County’s Mosquito Control District will use a small airplane to drop larviciding granules over mosquito impoundments on both sides of State Road A1A on South Hutchinson Island on Friday, March 29 (weather permitting). In the event of inclement weather, the aerial mission may be moved to Saturday, March 30.

This is part of our integrated mosquito management plan to combat unusually high mosquito population along the island for this time of year. Staff has documented multiple broods of mosquitoes breeding along South Hutchinson Island due to warm temperatures and recent high tides that have flooded areas that are not normally inundated by water. The granules are designed to mix with standing water to kill mosquito larvae before they are able to emerge as adults from the water.

At the same time, St. Lucie County’s Mosquito Control staff has been conducting special treatments including thermal and ultra-low volume (ULV) fogging along the island.

Fogging maps and schedules can be found on the district’s website at [www.StLucieMosquito.org](http://www.StLucieMosquito.org). The Mosquito Control District is dedicated to protecting people, livestock and pets from mosquitoes and the diseases they carry.

Residents are reminded to protect themselves and their property in the fight against mosquitoes. To prevent mosquito bites, residents are reminded to wear light clothing that covers the arms and legs when jogging or walking in the evenings, as well as using mosquito repellent with DEET.

Homeowners can also assist in the prevention of mosquito populations by practicing the “tip and toss” method of emptying containers that collect standing water around their homes and yards. Even a bottle cap of standing water can provide a breeding habitat for mosquitoes. Plants, especially bromeliads, can also serve as mosquito breeding grounds. However, there are commercial granules that can be purchased to help eliminate the threat.

To find out more what you can do to prevent the breeding of mosquitos in your yard, please visit: [www.StLucieMosquito.org](http://www.StLucieMosquito.org).