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Stripe Rust Update

Stripe rust on volunteer wheat was found by an observant colleague in western Idaho near Parma. Lower leaves are seen with stripe rust indicating it is likely that it overwintered. I will be receiving the sample and checking to be sure that it is wheat. Please scout fields of susceptible varieties in all areas of southern Idaho. So far, we have not seen stripe rust in our variety trial plots in Brundage, known to be very susceptible to stripe rust. Our plots were not planted early, and could have possibly missed an early fall infection. The current weather is very conducive for spread and infection.

Please report stripe rust to your local Extension county educator, specialist or to me so we can track the progress and warn producers to promote timely fungicide application.

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