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## “Trial by Fire” Set for May 12 and 14 for Area Students

Lochsa Ranger District fire personnel will conduct “Wildland Fire Day” May 12 and again May 14 for area middle grade students.

Fifth graders from Kamiah Middle School, Clearwater Valley Elementary School, and the Valley Home Educators are invited to the Kooskia Fish Hatchery Tuesday, May 12, to enjoy a day of fun and educational activities.

Fifth and sixth graders from Timberline School and the Port Cities Home Educators are invited to the Mussellshell Work Center Thursday, May 14, to participate in Wildland Fire Day fun.

Students will learn about fire safety, wildland fire suppression, and fire ecology. They will participate in activities featuring fire ecology, helicopter operations, smokejumper operations, demonstrations of ignition and suppression equipment, hands-on compass use in orienteering activities, and other hands-on activities.

Firefighters will ignite a debris pile as part of a demonstration, so there may be a little smoke at the fish hatchery on May 12 and again on May 14 at the Mussellshell Work Center.

For more information, contact Courtney A. Couch, fire education and mitigation specialist, Kooskia Ranger Station, (208) 926-6426.

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