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FIRE PREVENTION EDUCATION PROGRAM

Grangeville, Idaho – The Clearwater and Salmon River Ranger Districts of the Nez Perce National Forest conducted a Fire Prevention Education program for local elementary students the April 14th -21st. The elementary schools included were Grangeville, Riggins, White Bird, Sts. Peter and Paul, Summit Academy, Prairie, and Nez Perce.

This year's fire education program was presented to the students through a puppet show. The three main topics of the puppet show included information on match safety, how fires can be good and bad, and how and when to properly report a fire. Following the puppet show students interactively learned proper campfire procedures when camping with adults, and that a campfire should be "Dead Out" before you leave it. All the students received informational packets and school supplies that promote Smokey's message. Following each program, the students enthusiastically greeted Smokey with hugs and handshakes. Thanks to all the people that helped make the puppet show such a huge success, including the Bureau of Land Management in Cottonwood and, of course, Smokey Bear.

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