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20th Annual Free Fishing Day

Free Fishing Day, in conjunction with National Fishing Week, was held at Wilkins Pond near Grangeville on June 7th. The event was a huge success in which 67 participants' ages 1 to 12 reeled in 109 fish ranging from 8 to 21 inches. During and immediately following the fishing extravaganza an array of individual prizes were handed out including awards for largest fish, smallest fish and best cast. The fishing derby was sponsored by the Clearwater Ranger District, Cottonwood Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Fish and Game, the Wilkins family of Grangeville, Area merchants and the Grangeville Lion's Club. Grangeville Lion's Club representatives were on hand again this year providing free hot dogs and soda pop.

Top Prizes included:

- 8-years-old and under, Largest fish: Teresa Godfrey 19.2" 2 lb. 12 oz.
- 2nd Largest fish: Hayli Goicoa, 14.2" 1 lb. 3 oz.
- Smallest Fish: Katie Johnson, 8.2" 4 oz.
- Ages 9-12, Largest fish: Seth Chaffee 20.3" 2 lb. 9 oz.
- 2nd Largest fish: Shayla Bosee 17.5" 1 lb. 14 oz.
- Smallest Fish: Carissa Olson, 9.3" 5 oz.

We would like to thank all the volunteers from the Clearwater RD fire crew, Nez Perce NF helitek crew, Cottonwood BLM and participants of the extravaganza for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the day. We hope to see you next year. Keep your lines wet!!

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