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## **Kids Fishing Derbies Planned**

Yreka, CA – The Klamath National Forest is hosting two fishing derbies this year. The kids fishing derbies are designed to introduce young anglers up to 16 years of age to the sport, while at the same time provide a quality family recreation opportunity.

The first derby is planned for Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Kelly Lake on the Happy Camp Ranger District and is co-sponsored by the California Department of Fish and Game. This event will begin at 8:00 a.m. and last through noon. “This is a annual event for us that has grown over the years,” said Bill Bemis, Forest Service fisheries biologist. “Its great to see the kids return year after year and it really provides a quality family recreation opportunity that stays with the kids for years to come.” For additional information on this derby, contact John Grunbaum at 530-493-1719.

The second event, sponsored in part by Walmart, will be held at Kangaroo Lake on the Scott River Ranger District on Saturday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. The event begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 1:00 p.m.. A variety of prizes will be awarded to young anglers who catch the largest (weight) fish and the longest fish. Other prizes will be awarded for the best cast and in a general raffle. For further information on this derby, contact Rebecca Quinones at 530-841-4507.

For both derbies, anglers will need to provide their own fishing gear as well as lunch, beverage, and snacks (The Kelly Lake derby will have hotdogs available for the kids, but other lunch items need to be provided by the families). Restrooms and picnic tables are available at each site as well as personnel that can assist kids in mastering the finer techniques of fishing. The use of motorized boats is not permitted. For directions to each site, please contact the nearest Klamath National Forest office.

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