



OUTDOORS AND MORE!

LET'S GO CAMPING!

IT'S A GREAT FAMILY ACTIVITY..



BUTTE FALLS RANGER DISTRICT NEWS
BY- JANICE SCHULTZ

SUMMER IS UPON US AS WE KICK OFF THE 2000 RECREATION SEASON FOR THE BUTTE FALLS RANGER DISTRICT. WHISKEY SPRINGS AND FOUR BIT FORD CAMPGROUNDS ARE OPEN FOR BUSINESS, WITH A FEE OF \$8.00 PER SITE PER NIGHT, AND AN EXTRA VEHICLE FEE OF \$4.00 PER SITE PER NIGHT. ROCKY MOUNTAIN RECREATION IS THE CONCESSIONAIRE AGAIN THIS YEAR. IMNAHA CAMPGROUND IS OPEN AND A \$5.00 FEE AND EXTRA VEHICLE FEE OF \$2.50 IS REQUIRED. SOUTH FORK AND PARKER MEADOWS CAMPGROUNDS WILL OPEN AROUND AUGUST 18TH, JUST BEFORE BOW SEASON, AND WILL REQUIRE A FEE ALSO. (TBA) SNOWSHOE CAMPGROUND WILL NOT OPEN UNTIL A NEW OUTHOUSE IS INSTALLED. THE WILLOW PRAIRIE HORSE CAMP IS OPEN. ANY SITES AND DATES THAT WERE NOT SCOOPED UP IN THE RESERVATION PROCESS CAN BE ACCESSED ON A FIRST COME FIRST SERVED BASIS. ALTHOUGH WE CANNOT RESERVE A SITE FOR YOU, WE CAN LET YOU KNOW WHICH SITES AND DATES ARE AVAILABLE IF YOU CALL 541.865.2700.

WE HAVE TWO FIREWOOD AREAS OPEN AT THIS TIME. THE WOOD IS SMALL DIAMETER MIXED SOFTWOOD STANDING AND DOWN. PERMITS ARE 2 CORDS FOR \$10.00. FIREWOOD WILL RUN UNTIL FIRE SEASON PROHIBITS USE.

PLEASE BE SAFE WHEN YOU VISIT YOUR NATIONAL FOREST. DRIVE CAREFULLY AND BE COURTEOUS OF ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES BESIDES YOURS. IF THE WEATHER REMAINS WARM AND MOISTURE FREE, FIRE SEASON WILL BE HERE SOON. EXTINGUISH ALL CAMPFIRES DEAD OUT AND USE THE ASHTRAY IN YOUR VEHICLE WHILE DRIVING AROUND. HAVE A SHOVEL AND FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN YOUR CAMPSITE. BE FIRE SAFE, NOT SORRY!

WE HAVE THE NEW NORTHWEST FOREST PASSES FOR SALE. THE ANNUAL PASS IS \$30.00, AND THE DAY PASS IS \$5.00.

PLEASE CALL OR STOP BY THE RANGER STATION FOR MORE INFORMATION.

TROUT ON A STICK

INGREDIENTS: PAN-SIZED TROUT;
LEMON JUICE; SALT; GREEN STICKS.

BUILD YOUR FIRE OF DRY GREEN LIMBS.
LET THEM BURN DOWN TO COALS.

CLEAN TROUT WITH THE HEADS ON;
SALT THE BODY CAVITY.

SHAVE THE BARK OFF A GREEN LIMB
AND SHARPEN THE POINT. SPIT TROUT
ON STICK THROUGH THE MOUTH,
EMBEDDING POINT IN MEAT OF THE
TROUT'S TAIL.

LOOK OVER COALS LIKE A HOT DOG
'TIL SKIN BLISTERS AND PEELS, ABOUT
TEN MINUTES.

PEEL SKIN OFF, DOUSE WITH LEMON
JUICE, SALT TO TASTE.

LEAVING TROUT ON STICK, EAT MEAT
OFF BONES. FLIP SKELETON IN FIRE.

DO ANOTHER ONE.



TAKE YOUR DAD FISHING!

THE FISHING LINE - BY DAVE CURPHEY

OPENING DAY OF TROUT SEASON "1972", A SCHOOL BUDDY OF MINE, MIKE AND MYSELF, WOKE UP, SHOOK THE SNOW OFF OUR SLEEPING BAGS, MADE A POT OF COFFEE ON THE CAMP FIRE AND HEADED OUT TO FISH. NO PROBLEM! OPENING DAY YEAR 2000... I'M LOOKING OUT MY WINDOW AT HOME WATCHING A VERY COLD RAIN AND WIND BLOWING SIDEWAYS. I DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL NOON TO GO FISHING. IF I WERE A YOUNGSTER AGAIN I WOULD OF ALREADY HAD MY LIMIT COOKING ON THE CAMPFIRE!

WE EVENTUALLY MADE IT TO WILLOW LAKE AND ALL CAUGHT OUR LIMITS. THEY'VE BEEN KEEPING IT WELL STOCKED WITH 10-12" RAINBOWS AND I HAVE SEEN SOME 16" FISH CAUGHT. POWERBAIT IS WORKING WELL AND FOR TROLLING, TRY SLOW STROLLING A NIGHT CRAWLER.

MEDCO POND HAS BEEN REAL EXCITING. WE HAVE HOOKED AND RELEASED UP TO 30 TROUT IN SEVERAL HOURS, USING A CLEAR FLOAT AND WORM OR A CAST-MASTER WIRE. FLY FISHING FOR BLUE-GILLS HAS BEEN HOT, HOT, HOT! USE A BLACK ANT OR LADDIS SIZE 10 OR 12.

THE EARLY PART OF MAY WE FISHED DIAMOND LAKE. WOW! DIDN'T CATCH MANY BUT THEY AVERAGED 16". SINCE THEN THEY HAVE PLANTED SOME NICE RAINBOWS, AND THE FISHING SHOULD BE REAL GOOD. RAINBOW POWERBAIT IS YOUR BEST BET.

DON'T FORGET THE KIDS FISHING DERBY IS ON JUNE 10TH. SO BE SURE AND HAVE THE KIDS THERE BEFORE 8:00 A.M. TO SIGN IN. ONE LOCAL DERBY IS AT MEDCO POND. HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE.

I WOULD LIKE TO CORRECT AN ERROR IN LAST MONTH'S ARTICLE. BIG BUTTE CREEK IS OPEN FOR TROUT, ALTHOUGH ONLY BROOK TROUT MAY BE KEPT WITH NO RESTRICTIONS ON SIZE OR NUMBER. ALL OTHER SPECIES OF TROUT ARE CATCH AND RELEASE ONLY. I'M GOING TO HIRE A PHILADELPHIA LAWYER TO HELP ME FIGURE OUT THESE DARN REGULATIONS.

GOOD LURES FOR BUTTE CREEK ARE PANTHER MARTINS AND ROOSTER TAILS. PERSONALLY, I'M GOING TO BRUSH UP ON MY FLY FISHING, USING A STONEFLY OR BLACK ANT.

GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FISHING AND HEY, GO AHEAD, FALL IN, THE WATERS NICE! AFTER ALL, THIS IS BUTTE FALLS, AND A RIVER DOES RUN THROUGH IT!