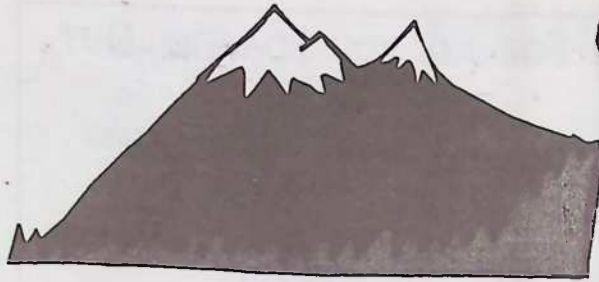
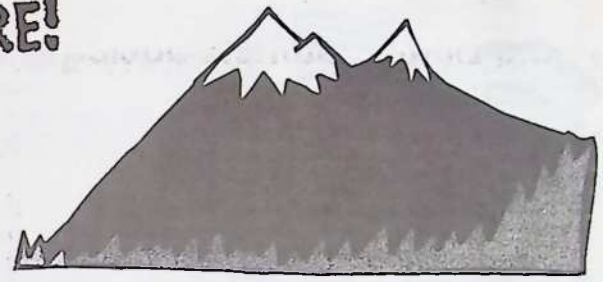


OUTDOORS AND MORE!



FISH A STREAM, TAKE A HIKE, CLIMB A MOUNTAIN, RIDE A BIKE!
ENJOY YOUR FRIEND, ENJOY YOUR SPOUSE, BUT BEST OF ALL...
"YOU'RE OUT OF THE HOUSE"!



BUTTE FALLS RANGER DISTRICT NEWS BY- JANICE SCHULTZ

IT IS OFFICIALLY SUMMER SINCE FIRE SEASON HIT; THAT ALWAYS MAKES IT OFFICIAL FOR ME. THE IFPL IS 1 AS OF THIS WRITING, WHICH SIMPLY MEANS THAT YOU NEED TO HAVE YOUR FIRE TOOLS WITH YOU, AND IF YOU USE A SAW, KEEP A ONE-HOUR WATCH WHEN YOU SHUT DOWN. IT SHOULD ALSO BE THE TIME THAT YOU HEIGHTEN YOUR FIRE AWARENESS FOR WHAT'S IN STORE FOR THE FUTURE. EVEN THOUGH IT IS NOT THE LAW RIGHT NOW, START USING YOUR ASHTRAY INSTEAD OF FLICKING MATCHES AND CIGARETTES OUT OF THE WINDOW, AND IF YOU NEED TO DRIVE OFF-ROAD, CHECK OUT THAT DRY GRASS WHEN YOU STOP. THE WAY FIRES ARE TEARING UP THE WEST; WE HAVE TO BE ON OUR TOES SO THEY DON'T SNEAK UP ON US.

IF HIKING IS YOUR THING, HERE ARE A FEW OF THE TRAILS THAT ARE READY AND WAITING; THE 986, SOUTH FORK ROGUE, OPEN TO MTL. BIKES AND HIKING, IS OPENED AND MAINTAINED. THE 1034, UPPER ROGUE RIVER, NORTH FORK PARK TO BIG BEND, OPEN TO HIKING, IS OPEN AND MAINTAINED. THE 1053, NATIONAL CREEK FALLS, OPEN TO HIKING, IS OPENED AND MAINTAINED. THE SKY LAKES WILDERNESS TRAIL HEADS ARE ACCESSIBLE, AND MOST OF THE TRAILS ARE OPEN. THEY ARE NOT MAINTAINED YET, WHICH MEANS THAT YOUR HIKE COULD TURN IN TO AN OBSTACLE COURSE MANEUVER, AND SNOW IS LIKELY. HORSES ARE NOT RECOMMENDED IN THE WILDERNESS AT THIS TIME.

THE MEDCO POND FISHING DERBY HELD ON FREE FISHING DAY WAS A SUCCESS, BOASTING A TURNOUT OF OVER 200 KIDS. SMOKEY AND MARY CELIA WAS THERE REPRESENTING THE FOREST SERVICE AND SPREADING HIS FIRE PREVENTION MESSAGE TO ALL. ADDITIONAL SPONSORS FOR THIS POPULAR EVENT WERE, CATFISH COVE, PROSPECT SEARCH AND RESCUE, SUPERIOR LUMBER, COLE M. RIVERS FISH HATCHERY, WATER SEARCH & RESCUE, AND THE OREGON STATE POLICE. PRIZES WERE AWARDED FRO THE MOST FISH, THE BIGGEST FISH, AND THE CASTING CONTEST. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO MADE THIS A GREAT DAY!

"NATURE CANNOT BE IMPROVED UPON.
WE CAN CHANGE IT,
EMBELLISH IT, AND TWIST IT
TO OUR PERFECTION, BUT WE
CAN'T MAKE IT BETTER. TRUE
WILDERNESS IS AS CLOSE TO
PERFECTION AS CAN BE
FOUND ON THIS EARTH.
WHAT THE CREATOR HAS
MADE, WE CAN ONLY ALTER."
-JOHN WRIGHT



TOM SAWYER (JAKE HAMANN)
7 YEARS OLD AT FISH LAKE WITH
HIS BIG CATCH OF THE DAY!

THE FISHING LINE-BY DAVE CURPHEY

AFTER SEVERAL WEEKS OF LOSING A TACKLE BOX FULL OF ASSORTED GEAR, I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK IT WOULD BE CHEAPER TO CATCH A SALMON AT SAFEWAY! BUT, AFTER LEARNING THE PROPER TECHNIQUE AND THE LAY OF THE RIVER BOTTOM, I NOW HAVE CAUGHT THREE NICE SALMON.

THIS YEARS SALMON RUN IN THE ROGUE RIVER IS TURNING OUT TO BE ONE OF THE BEST. I HAVE USED MANY COLOR COMBINATIONS OF BEADS AND LITTLE CORKYS AND HAVE FOUND THAT GREEN AND RED IN COMBINATION HAS WORKED BEST FOR ME. THE FISH I'VE CAUGHT WERE BRIGHT AND FULL OF FIGHT. THE FISHING SHOULD BE GOOD UP TO THE END OF JULY IN THE UPPER ROGUE.

MANY THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO HELPED PUT ON THE KIDS FISHING DERBY AT MEDCO POND. AS USUAL IT WAS A TERRIFIC SUCCESS WITH THE BIGGEST TURN-OUT EVER. IT WAS A LITTLE COOL WEATHER WISE, BUT EVERYONE SEEMED TO HAVE A LOT OF FUN. THERE WERE A LOT OF BIG TROUT CAUGHT AND SHOULD STILL BE A FEW LEFT TO CATCH.

THE UPPER END OF LOST CREEK LAKE IS REAL HOT NOW WITH SOME NICE TROUT BEING CAUGHT. SEVERAL YEARS AGO THEY PLANTED SOME LAND LOCKED SALMON IN THE LAKE AND THEY ARE NOW ABOUT 16 INCHES. THE BASS FISHING HAS BEEN REAL GOOD WITH SOME BIG FISH CAUGHT.

SOME LOCAL RESIDENTS TOOK A CHARTER BOAT OUT OF BROOKINGS RECENTLY AND ALL LIMITED OUT ON BOTTOM FISH. ALSO, THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO FISH OFF THE JETTY OR CATCH DUNGENESS CRAB WITH A LINE SNARE. MY FAVORITE SPOT IS THE SOUTH SIDE OF THE CHETCO RIVER JETTY AT HARBOR.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, GOOD LUCK ON YOUR FISHING AND HEY, DON'T FALL IN, I DID AND THE WATERS STILL COLD!

P.S. HEY VICKY, THANKS FOR NOT GETTING MAD AT JAKE FOR JUMPING IN THE RIVER TO NET MY SALMON WITH HIS NEW SHOES ON!