

OUTDOORS AND MORE!

BUTTE FALLS RANGER DISTRICT NEWS BY-JANICE SCHULTZ

SO ENDS ANOTHER SUMMER RECREATION SEASON FOR THE ROGUE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST, AND STARTS THE BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN LULL BEFORE HUNTING SEASON KICKS IN. THE LAST OF THE HUCKLEBERRIES WILL COME ON, THE MOSQUITOES IN THE BACK COUNTRY WILL COME OFF AND THE CRISP NIGHTS WILL START THE VINE MAPLE TURNING YELLOW, RED AND ORANGE. SEPTEMBER IS A BEAUTIFUL AND PEACEFUL (SCHOOL IS IN) TIME OF YEAR TO VISIT YOUR NATIONAL FOREST. PLEASE REMEMBER WHEN YOU ARE OUT THERE, ESPECIALLY THIS YEAR, THAT FIRE SAFETY IS HIGH PRIORITY.

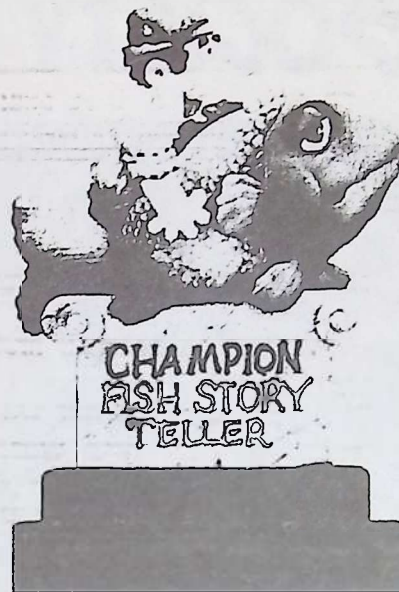
ALTHOUGH THE NIGHTS AND DAYS ARE COOLER, DON'T BE FOOLED IN TO THINKING THAT IS AN INDICATION OF MORE MOISTURE. UNTIL WE GET RAIN, WE WILL BE HIGH AND DRY.

WE HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY PERSONAL USE RESTRICTIONS FOR THE ROGUE RIVER NATIONAL FOREST. WHAT THIS MEANS IS THAT A FIRE OUTSIDE OF A CAMPGROUND, IN A ROCK RING, IS STILL ALLOWED IF YOU ARE ON NATIONAL FOREST LAND. PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE IF YOU HAVE TO HAVE A CAMPFIRE. CLEAR A LARGE AREA AROUND YOUR ROCK RING AND HAVE YOUR FIRE TOOLS READY. BRING A FIRE EXTINGUISHER AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, KNOW HOW TO USE IT. KEEP YOUR FIRE SIZE DOWN TO A PROPER HEIGHT GIVEN THE FIRE DANGER. CALL THE RANGER STATION IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, AT 865-2700.

IF YOU PLAN TO CAMP ON STATE, BLM, OR PRIVATE LANDS PLEASE CALL THE OREGON DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AT 664-3288. THEIR PERSONAL USE RESTRICTIONS ARE IN EFFECT.

SOME OF YOU HAVE ASKED ME WHAT THE TERM "5" MEANS. A 5 IS A FIRE PREPAREDNESS LEVEL RATING AND IS THE HIGHEST LEVEL OF ALERT POSSIBLE. THE WILDLAND FIRE PREPAREDNESS RATING FOR THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST RIGHT NOW IS A 5.

PLEASE, ONLY YOU CAN
PREVENT FOREST FIRES!



THE FISHING LINE BY- DAVE GURPHEY

MY SON JOSH AND I HEADED UP TO WILLOW LAKE A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO TO SEE IF THE CATFISH WERE BITING DURING. WE SAT ALONG THE SHORE IN FRONT OF THE CAMPGROUNDS, RIGGED UP WITH A NUMBER 2 HOOK, PUT ON A BIG JOB OF NIGHTCRAWLERS AND MADE OUR CAST. BEFORE YA KNOW IT, WE EACH HAD A STRIKE, BUT DIDN'T SET THE HOOK. WE REELED IN, CHECKED OUR BAIT AND CAST OUT AGAIN. THIS CONTINUED FOR ABOUT A HALF DOZEN TIMES WITH NO FISH CAUGHT. FINALLY WE WENT TO A SMALLER HOOK AND BAIT AND FOUND OUT WHAT WAS BITING. IT'S AMAZING NOW ALL OF A SUDDEN A "NEW SPECIES OF FISH" APPEAR IN A BODY OF WATER. WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT, WILLOW LAKE IS NOW FULL OF YELLOW PERCH? MOST WERE ABOUT 8 INCHES, ONE WAS 12 INCHES. WE TOOK A DOZEN OR SO HOME THAT EVENING AND COOKED THEM UP. WOW! THEY SURE ARE GOOD EATING.

RECENTLY MY BOYS AND I WERE GIVEN PERMISSION TO FISH SOME LOCAL PRIVATE PONDS. WE REALLY HAD A LOT OF FUN AND CAUGHT AND RELEASED SOME REAL NICE BASS. WE WERE ALLOWED TO KEEP THE BLUE GILL AND CRAPPIE, WHICH WERE SIZABLE AND VERY GOOD EATING. SO WE WOULD LIKE TO GIVE OUR THANKS FOR A GREAT FISHING EXPERIENCE TO MIKE AND JIM. HOPE TO DO IT AGAIN.

JUST A REMINDER TO ALL YOU FISHERMEN AND LADIES, THE ROGUE RIVER FROM GOLD REY DAM TO THE MARKERS BELOW COLE M. RIVERS FISH HATCHERY IS OPEN FOR FLY FISHING ONLY FROM SEPT. 1ST TO OCT. 31ST.

ANY TYPE OF ROD AND REEL PERMITTED BUT NO LEAD CORE LINE OR ATTACHMENTS, EXCEPT A FLOAT IS ALLOWED. A SIZE 6-12 GRASSHOPPER WORKS REAL WELL. THAT PORTION OF THE ROGUE RIVER OPENS BACK UP ON NOV. 1ST, AND SHOULD BE REAL GOOD FOR COHO SALMON (FIN CLIPPED ONLY).

RECENTLY I PURCHASED A DISPOSABLE CAMERA, AND FOUND IT FITS WELL IN MY TACKLE BOX. COMES IN REAL HANDY FOR THOSE ACTION PICTURES AND SHOTS OF THOSE BIG CATCH AND RELEASE FISH.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BE FIRE SAFE WHEN CAMPING, IT'S REALLY DRY OUT THERE. YOU ALL HAVE FUN, AND GOOD LUCK FISHING.

P.S. JOSH DIDN'T GIVE ME ANY MUSH MONEY, SO I'LL TELL YOU WHERE HIS MONEY HOLE AT MEDCO PONDS IS, "NOT"!

DOES THIS GOLFER LOOK
LIKE ANYONE YOU KNOW?

So, what is the point
of this game, again?
Mike, Jack, can you
explain it one more
time? PLEASE!

