

## Information and Education Programs

Custer Gallatin National Forest watershed staff are involved in an active information education program with the local schools and communities throughout the year. Many of these schools are small one room county schools with limited resources, others are rapidly growing urban schools where children and young adults have a lesser degree of contact with the land.

Classroom presentations are primarily focused on the issues of watershed health, the value of native fish species management, and how the productivity of aquatic environments are linked to the productivity of the land. Presentations also included; basic fish anatomy and identification, fisheries management techniques, and aquatic ecology. The overall purpose of these activities is to instill an interest in the topic of ecology and to get school aged children to start thinking about how the everyday activities of society affect watershed health, fish habitat, and the aquatic community.

