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21st Annual Free Fishing Day

Free Fishing Day, in conjunction with National Fishing Week, was held at Wilkins Pond near Grangeville on June 13th. The event was a huge success in which 81 participants' ages 1 to 12 reeled in 56 fish ranging from 8 to 21 inches. During and immediately following the fishing extravaganza, an array of individual prizes were handed out including awards for largest fish, smallest fish and best cast. The fishing derby was sponsored by the Clearwater Ranger District, Cottonwood Bureau of Land Management, Idaho Fish and Game, the Wilkins family of Grangeville, Area merchants and the Grangeville Lion's Club. Grangeville Lion's Club representatives were on hand again this year providing free hot dogs and soda pop.

Top Prizes included:

- 8-years-old and under, Largest fish: Molly Deford 18" 2.1 lbs.
- 2nd Largest fish: Isaac Dewey 15" 1.6 lbs.
- Smallest Fish: Haylee Goicoa 8" 4oz.
- Ages 9-12, Largest fish: Alexia Hill 21" 3.6 lbs.
- 2nd Largest fish: Jackie Crouser 17" 1.9 lbs.
- Smallest Fish: Dakota Alder 8" 3oz.

We would like to thank all the volunteers from the Clearwater Ranger District fire crew, Nez Perce National Forest helitack crew, Cottonwood Bureau of Land Management, and participants of the extravaganza for their hard work and enthusiasm throughout the day. We hope to see you next year. Keep your lines wet!!

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