

FOREST SPOTLIGHT

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Local Students Help Prevent Wildfires, Smokey is Pleased

Alturas, Calif. – Recent rains have limited extreme fire danger this spring. However with CALFIRE recently declaring the beginning of fire season in Northeastern California, it is time to start thinking about fire safety. Local elementary students have created posters to help wildfire managers get the word out.

Forest Supervisor, Amanda McAdams, Prevention Technician, Jennifer Leneave and County Health Department’s Holly Stains recently visited Alturas Elementary to honor the winners of the Fire Prevention Poster Contest.

This effort was put on by Modoc National Forest, CALFIRE’s Leah Sandberg and the Modoc County Public Health Department at elementary schools in both Alturas and Adin. Participating grades were Big Valley K-6 and Alturas K-5. All kids who created a poster received a small prize.

And the winners were:

Individual Student Winners

Ella Battram - Mrs. Kylo - Kindergarten
Griffin Jaeger - Mrs. Irvin - 1st
Harley Barnhart - Mrs. Lewis - 2nd
Jessica Houseman - Mrs. Toomey - 3rd
Savannah Alvarez - Mrs. Server – 4th



Audrey Goodman - Mr. House - 5th

Whole Classroom Winners

Kaitlin Nield - Mrs. Catania - Kindergarten
Savanna Alvarez - Mrs. Erquiaga - Kindergarten
Grady Battram - Mrs. Chandler



Winners had their picture taken with Smokey Bear and received backpacks full of fire prevention gifts. Forest Supervisor McAdams presented the awards and congratulated the winners herself. Forest and County employees then visited one of the participating classrooms to hand out water bottles and say thank you.

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