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Brush Creek/Hayden Ranger District Helps With Annual Winter Fun Day

(SARATOGA, Wyo.) Feb. 25, 2011 – On Friday, Feb. 18, US Forest Service employees from the Brush Creek/Hayden (BCH) Ranger District took part in Saratoga Elementary School's Annual Winter Fun Day. The event, in its seventh year, is part of the Accelerated Reader Program.

Principal Dave Rangitsch offers the activity as a reward to students that complete their Accelerated Reader goals for the second nine weeks of the school year. Students cross country skied and snow-shoed on the Brush Creek Trails, played on the Ryan Park Sledding Hill and were provided lunch at the Brush Creek Work Center Barracks kitchen.

The event took place on National Forest lands in southeastern Wyoming's Snowy Range. 56 students attended the activity, accompanied by Forest Service employees, as well as numerous school staff and volunteers.

BCH Visitor Information Technician Sue Cary is active in the annual event and was joined this year by District Ranger Steve Best, along with Wildlife Biologist Steve Loose. In addition to providing a site for a day of playing in the snow, Forest Service employees were able to answer questions from the kids regarding forest health and conditions, orienteering, roads, animal sign and many other topics.

Accelerated Reader is a nation-wide reading program which attempts to build a lifelong love of reading and learning in students through a variety of activities.

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