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BLM to Conduct Outdoor Education Day

On May 11, 2006, the Bureau of Land Management will be sponsoring an Outdoor Education Day which has been a tradition in Miles City for more than 25 years. This year BLM is leading five environmental stations: 1) Fire Prevention and Suppression; 2) Camping Ethics; 3) Gold Panning; 4) Range; and 5) Wildlife.

The event will be held at the William L. Matthews Wildlife Habitat and Recreation Area located on the south side of Yellowstone River approximately 7 miles east of Miles City. From Miles City take Valley Drive East for 7 miles to the Kinsey Bridge fishing access turn off. Go left at the turn-off and cross the railroad tracks. After approximately ¼ or ½ mile turn left (north) at the "Matthews Recreation Area" sign. Follow the road toward the river and you will come to the day-use site.

This event is geared towards third graders and will include students from Garfield, Highland Park, Jefferson, and Kircher schools, approximately 115 students.

The Outdoor Education Day will be held Wednesday, May 11, with classes being conducted from 9 to 11 a.m.

The goal of the BLM in holding these events is to increase student appreciation for the value of public lands and their responsibility for being good stewards of public land.

For more information contact Lori Harbaugh at the Miles City Field Office of the BLM at 233-2930.

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