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## **KIDS' FISHING DAY PLANNED IN MILES CITY**

**MILES CITY** – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Miles City Field Office, Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) and the Miles City Chapter of Walleye's Unlimited will host the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Kids' Fishing Day at Spotted Eagle Lake on Thursday, June 3, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The event is open to children ages 6 through 12. Check-in and registration will begin at 5 p.m. with events starting promptly at 5:30 p.m.

Participants are strongly encouraged to pre-register at one of three Miles City locations; the

BLM Miles City Field Office, FWP Region 7 Headquarters or at the Red Rock Sporting Goods Store.

There is no registration charge.

Participants will be able to cycle through multiple stations where they will be instructed in a variety of fishing skills ranging from knot tying to water safety.

The 2003 event proved to be a popular choice for local youngsters, with 120 pint-sized anglers showing up to hone their fishing skills, surpassing the previous year's attendance by 30 kids.

"This is an event where not only do the kids learn fishing related skills, but the parents can learn something as well," said BLM Natural Resource Advisor David Squires. "We hope that this event will help encourage kids to take advantage of some of the great fishing opportunities in Eastern Montana."

Questions about the event may be referred to David Squires at the BLM Miles City Field Office, phone (406) 233-2810 or FWP Information Officer Dwayne Andrews at (406) 232-0919.

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