

Cougar Gulch Community Update—June, 2014

Wild Land Fire Fighting Training Exercise to be held in Cougar Gulch

The interagency wild land fire fighting community will conduct their field exercises for their beginning firefighter in June. This year that training will be held on state endowment land in Cougar Gulch. The land is located on both sides of Cougar Gulch Road between the Thompson Road and Miller Road. This event is a well planned and organized event which occurs somewhere in the state each year. Below is the press release for this activity.

The North Idaho Training Zone is hosting its annual Firefighting Basic Fire Training School I at Camp Lutherhaven near Mica Bay June 2nd-6th. This multi-agency event is the cooperative effort of the Coeur d'Alene & Nez Perce Tribes, Idaho Department of Lands, Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. The class size is expected to be between 80 and 100 students. Many of these students will be working on fire crews throughout North Idaho.

The training consists of classroom instruction Monday – Wednesday, which introduces the students to things like basic fire behavior, map reading, fire tools, water use, and the incident command structure. A field day on Thursday is a chance for students to try out the skills they have learned on a small prescribed fire. Friday students will need to pass a final exam before being qualified as a basic wildland firefighter. All classroom training will occur at Camp Lutherhaven and the field day is planned on State of Idaho ownership south of Cougar Creek Road. Each crew will have the opportunity to try out skills they have learned.



Look for increased traffic on Thursday between Camp Lutherhaven and the field location in the early morning and late afternoon. Some smoke may be visible during the exercise but will be completely extinguished prior to the end of the exercise. If you have any questions please feel free to call Rachel Young at 208-983-4025 or 208-290-6019.

Community Litter Pick-Up and Neighborhood Cook-Out—June 21st



Please join us for the annual Cougar Gulch road clean-up event and community BBQ. Both of these events are scheduled for Saturday, June 21st to encourage maximum participation. Please meet at the community Hall at 10 am. Make it a family affair—work close to your own home, make a difference, help keep Cougar Gulch clean and litter free.

Even if you cannot participate in the road clean-up event, please do not miss the annual cook-out at the Hall. This fun get-together is a great way to visit with neighbors in a community style picnic gathering. Hamburgers, German sausage, potato salad, chips and a relish tray will be provided as well as drinks. Please bring your favorite potluck main dish or salad to compliment the affair. Bring your family—bring your neighbors—bring their neighbors too! For more information, please call Tom Wambolt at 208-664-7705, or Julie Schmidt at 425-319-0915.

Road Clean-Up: Meet at the Hall at 10 am. Litter bags will be provided. Bring gloves!

BBQ: Meet at the Hall at 1 pm. We hope to see everyone there!

JUNE 21ST—MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

