

COLUMBIA BREAKS FIRE INTERPRETIVE CENTER
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2005 SUMMER OPERATION

The Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center began in 1990 with the vision of becoming a world-class center for wildfire education, training, research and interpretation. A 17-acre site was purchased at Entiat, Washington. To date two historic lookouts have been moved to the site, and a self-guided interpretive trail, "Trail of fire and Forest" and natural amphitheater have been built. A school wildfire curriculum was developed followed by a teacher's workshop and class field trips to the site. Underground utilities are being installed. See our website: www.wildfirecenter.org.

We live in a region where wildfire will always be present. Much is changing on how we suppress wildfires and their effects. There needs to be a better understanding of all aspects of wildfire and how to live within a fire-prone ecosystem – by residents, by the general public and by decision-makers (present and future).

While our goal is to develop a world-class center dedicated to wildfire we understand this will not be accomplished in one step. We have made good progress in acquiring and making initial improvements on our site. Our next step is to develop a much needed on-site summer program.

Our Strategic Plan is for an initial summer program in 2005 and then expand on that program in 2006. To accomplish this we need a temporary building and a seasonal staff person plus operating costs. We estimate it will take \$50,000 to initiate this program.

We are looking to all interests to implement this plan – wildfire organizations, conservationists, forest industry, educational organizations, government, etc. Below is a pledge coupon for you to be a part of this effort. Recognition will be permanently displayed on the site listing all the sponsors of the 2005 program.

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Arnie Arneson, President
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