

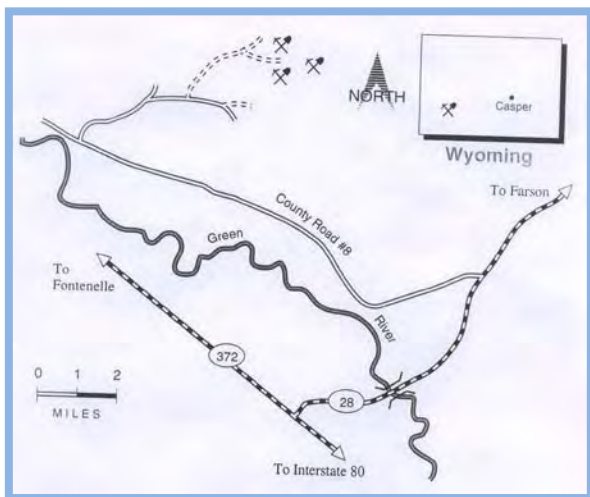


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## TRI-FEDERATION FIELDTRIP TO THE BLUE FOREST AREA IN WYOMING ON MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

May 29-31, 2010

The Tri-Federation trip is scheduled for May 28-June 2<sup>nd</sup>, there are several trips scheduled for different locations within a 40-50 mile radius of Fontanel, Wyoming, the Blue Forest Petrified Forest area.

The base camp will be at Slate Creek Campground, just east of Fontenelle, next to the Green River. This is a no fee campground with fire pits, tables and restrooms. We will post the area with signs marking the camp area on Thursday May 27<sup>th</sup>. Trips will leave from the camp for the Blue Forest Dig area, one trip to the Eden Valley area, and others. Most of the trips will be related to collecting Petrified Wood. At the base camp we will have maps available for other areas, like algae, turitella agate, agates and fee fossil areas in the Kemmerer area and the Jade areas. There are millions of acres of wide open country, most of which will be BLM ground. **You are expected to follow all rules on the collecting of petrified wood on public lands.**

For those not camping at Slate Creek and need a Motel there is one at Farson, about 35 minutes to the east: **Sitzmans**, (307) 273 9246. This is a small motel only 6 rooms so make your reservations now. Rates = 1 person \$50+ tax, 2 persons \$58 + tax (one Queen Bed), 2 beds \$65 plus tax. Farson also has gas and groceries. There are more motels in Kemmerer also: Fossil Butte Motel (307) 877-3996, Fairview Motel (307) 877-3938, Frontier Suites (307) 877-3377, Energy Inn (307) 877-6901 and Antler's Inn (307-877-4461. There is also an RV Park in Farson and several in Kemmerer. Kemmerer is about 25 miles from our base camp. You can also get gas and some supplies in Fontenelle.

The schedule for the weekend follows. On Friday a group will leave for the Blue Forest dig area at 9 am. Then on Saturday at 9 am to the Blue Forest and at 6pm we will have a potluck and camp fire to get to know each other and share stories. On Sunday a trip to Eden valley area will leave at 8:30 am. Sunday evening is set aside for a swap session so bring some good trade material. Monday there will be another unnamed trip leaving at 9 am and an open day for you to go anywhere you like.

A few safety notes: The elevation of the area is around 7000 ft. The days can be nice but nights can be cold. The wind blows most of the time in this country so bring warm clothes. It is a little early for bugs, **BUT** bring bug spray anyway just in case. I have never heard of or seen a rattlesnake in the area.

Tools needed: shovel and pick, rock pick, gloves, steel probe, hat and sun screen.

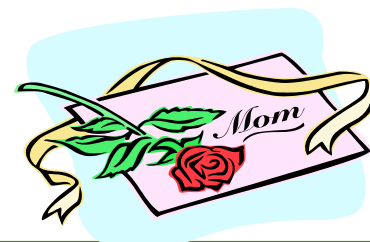
There are lots of sandy roads in the area and ATV's can be used. Stay on the sand and off the brush or plants, and please follow all local rules and regulations. If you pack it in pack it out. And most of all have fun. See you all at Slate Creek Campground

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[See more information about a side trip for fish fossils on page 5]

### Keep your calendar up to date:

**Northwest Rockhound Retreat**, September 6-12, 2010, Hancock Field Station, Fossil, Oregon  
**NFMS Convention and Annual Meeting**, September 18, 2010, 2 pm. Washington County Fairgrounds in Hillsboro, Oregon



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**There will not be a newsletter in June since I will be on the Tri-Federation Trip**

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## OFFICER AND COMMITTEE REPORTS



### Evelyn Cataldo President

April – what a busy month. Our club rock show is this next weekend and we are scurrying around doing last minute preparations. This afternoon, I helped a group of club members repair display cases and liners. It is amazing how much a group can accomplish in a short time. If we all do a little, the whole job gets done, with minimum effort by everyone. There are many other Club shows this month and next. I encourage you to volunteer to help put on your local show. It is a great way to make friends, learn about our hobby and have fun.

This is also the month, with the days lengthening and the weather warming, that we get our tools together, check the trailer batteries, change the oil in the ATVs and prepare for the upcoming rock hunting season. A great way to start this year's field tripping is to join Doug True on the Tri-Federation

Field Trip to the Blue Forest in Wyoming.

I have been to this location several times in the past and have always returned home with lots of good material. What I am holding, in the picture above, is a basket of little limbs from the Blue Forest. I am not a great digger, but I am a pretty good looker. I found all of these little limbs around holes that others had dug. I polished the ends of the limbs and arranged them in the basket. The secret to getting all the limbs the same height is..... newspaper! Check out the close-up of my limb basket.



Don't forget to stop in Farson for one of their BIG ice cream cones.

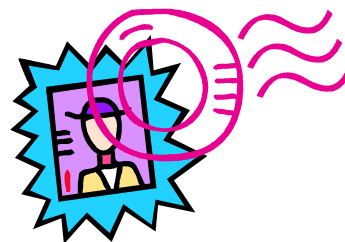


### Judi Allison 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

By the time you read this, the mid-year meeting in Kennewick will be over and we will be looking toward the summer and treasurers to find. I, personally, am looking forward to checking out the Blue Forest area at the Tri-Federation field trip the end of May. I have

never been there, so that will be an adventure in itself. The addition of the trip being a get together by a group of rockhounds adds to the pleasure. One can almost go away from such an event skunked as still be completely satisfied with the experience. Please note that I did say "almost", as I certainly hope I am not the one in that category.

Thanks to Doug True and everyone else who is working hard to put this experience together for us. That is just one more of the benefits of belonging to the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. So, get out there and enjoy everything there is to be offered, shows, meetings, field trips and workshops. Get started on a great rockhound summer!



### Postage Stamps Hermina Kolski

Remember to collect those stamps for Cancer research. Ask your friends and neighbors. Leave at least ½ inch all the way around up to 2 inches. The company that buys them pays by the pound. Please do not allow someone else to go through them and remove the commemorative stamps – they are the ones the collectors really want most of all. Save even the Forever stamps. Give them to your Federation Director or Delegate and they will get them to the Federation. Thanks.



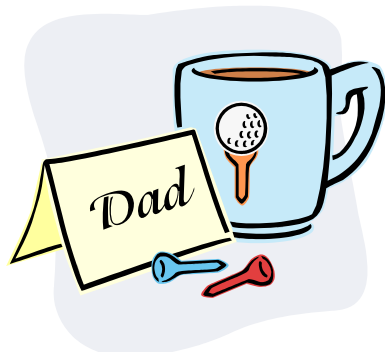
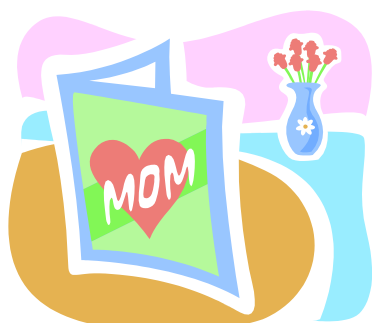
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Last year at the NFMS/AFMS combined show in Billings, Montana, the competitive exhibits reached an all time high of 38 for recent years. We probably won't reach that mark this year in September but we'd like to see a good showing.

**Please begin now, to put your competitive exhibit together.  
It isn't too early.**

One last reminder, for those of you who might be interested in competing at the AFMS level, you can apply for the CFMS/AFMS show in La Habra in June. Time is running out to get your application in. Deadline is June 1st. Go to [amfed.org](http://amfed.org) for an application and also their pre-registration forms. A chance to exhibit at the AFMS level won't come along for a number of years because next year 2011 will be in Syracuse, New York, followed by 2012 somewhere in the Midwest and in 2013 somewhere in the Southeast.

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Your club should be notifying two (2) NFMS Chairs of changes in your club membership during the year. This goes for deletions as well as additions to your club's membership list. The list to the NFMS Treasurer with the dues at the beginning of the year was based upon the clubs' members as of the last day of December 2009. The Treasurer forwards these lists to the Circulation and Directory Chairs.

By now you have probably dropped those who did not renew ... and hopefully you have been adding new members. You do not pay NFMS dues on the new members until the annual dues payment at the end of December 2010.

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**We are still in need of a  
Juniors' Chairperson!  
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**From the Editor's Rockpile  
By Beth Heesacker**

We just returned from the NFMS Mid-Year Meeting. Many thanks to the Lakeside Club in Kennewick, Washington for hosting the meeting. Lots of new and "old" faces.

Judi Allison, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP, introduced the Delegates and Directors at the meeting by having them tell a bit about how they got into rockhounding. The stories were very interesting and funny. Some found out that putting the rock in their pockets was less expensive than replacing the windows in the neighbor's houses after throwing it. Others married into the hobby or inherited it from their parents. Each one of us has a story to tell.

My story is that my parents were rockhounds. Not in a big sense, just a couple of boxes of rocks in the back yard. Paul, my husband, rockhounded in his teen years with his brothers and some friends. It wasn't until just a few years ago we joined a rockhound club and got into the hobby big-time. Now that is our favorite pastime. We have all the saws, grinders, etc. along with piles and piles of rock.

Why not share your story with your friends or your local club newsletter editor?



## COMMENTS, THOUGHTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Fossil Safari 2010

Evan Day



The "FOSSIL SAFARI" side trip from the NFMS petrified wood trip to the **Blue Forest**

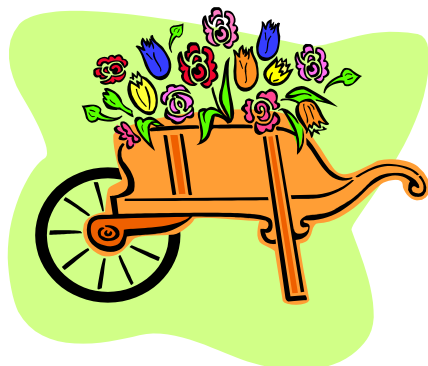
is now set for the morning of Memorial Day, Monday **May 31, 2010**. If you would like to dig fish fossils, meet **Evan Day** at **0900** at the intersection of **US-189** and **WY-233** (Lake Viva Naughton Rd) about ¼ mile North of **Kemmerer, WY** (75 miles Southwest of **Farson, WY**) We will then caravan to **Warfield Fossils** quarry about ten miles Northwest. We will pay our fees, sign a release form, get a hammer /chisel / goggles (if you don't have your own), get an orientation talk, and dig for four hours.

Please look over a flyer from the NFMS mid-year meeting, or go to [www.fossilsafari.com](http://www.fossilsafari.com) for more details and a map. Assuming we have more than ten folks actively digging and paying fees, a group rate of \$60.00 per person applies. Kids under 12 who dig actively are ½ price. Little ones who will not be trying for complete fish can pick up fragments from the scrap piles. **However**, remember that this is indeed a rock quarry and you must watch out for their safety. I strongly recommend going by a Thrift Store (Salvation Army, Goodwill, Deseret Industries, etc) and getting 6-12 sturdy steel table knives to help split the rock. Bring newspaper and boxes or crates to hold your prizes, and some cheap hairspray to protect them from rubbing. Bring lunch, cold drinks, sunscreen, hats and gloves.

Like any other fishing trip: some get a lot of fish, some get a few; but I've never seen anyone get "skunked"! Please let Field Trip Chairman **Doug True** if you will be going with us, or call **Evan Day** on cellphone 801-391-2912 if deciding at the last minute (we may have to split into morning and afternoon shifts). The road is a bit rough, so pickup trucks are best (we are going to haul rock after all), but passenger cars can get in just fine. There are lots of motels in Kemmerer and Diamondville. There is camping at a couple RV Parks, or dry camping just above the quarry. If you have time, stop in at "**Bob's Rock Shop**" if you enter Kemmerer from the South, and a visit to **Fossil Butte National Monument** West of Kemmerer on US-30 is well worth the time (either before or after digging).

Trip distance: 74.6 miles Time: 1 hrs 39 min  
You are at Farson, Sweetwater, WY, USA

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|----|---------------------------------------|------------|
| 1. | Go North on US-191                    | 700 feet   |
| 2. | Turn left onto WY-28                  | 28.8 miles |
| 3. | Turn right onto WY-372 (La Barge Rd)  | 11.6 miles |
| 4. | Continue onto WY-372                  | 10.0 miles |
| 5. | Turn left onto US-189                 | 24.1 miles |
| 6. | You are at Kemmerer, Lincoln, WY, USA |            |



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Dealers  
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Beads

Dave Texler, Paleontologist  
Two River Dinosaur Center, with his displays,

Friday, May 15, 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM  
Saturday, May 16, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.



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# AFMS

## YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO IT AND HOW IT WORKS

By Lauren Williams



The AFMS Scholarship Foundation is a completely separate organization from the rest of the AFMS. No part of the funds from the AFMS can be used to help or bail out the Scholarship Foundation. No part of the funds from the Scholarship Foundation can be used to help or bail out the AFMS. Or, no funds on either side can be co-mingled. In short, there can be no transference of funds from one organization to the other. The funds are completely separate and must be kept that way. This is why there is always a separate Scholarship meeting immediately following the AFMS Business meeting. However, the AFMS can, when it has the funds, make a donation to the AFMS Scholarship Foundation, this is not a loan but a gift just like if you made the donation and the AFMS cannot ask for the money back or call it a loan or bail-out and vice versa!

Each year each regional federation picks an individual to be the Scholarship Awardee of that Federation. The Scholarship Awardee then picks two students working on either their Masters or Doctoral degree in one of the Earth Sciences. These two students then receive a \$4,000.00 Scholarship for that year, yes this is a change from the way it has always been. These students can be attending any university any place and is not restricted to the federation's geographical area that the Awardee is from. This Scholarship cannot be applied for; it is entirely up to the Scholarship Awardee to pick the two students. The students must be working on an advance degree. In this manner each federation receives funds back from the AFMS.

When donating money to either the AFMS or AFMS Scholarship Foundation you now know the difference between the two. Make your choice accordingly, and each has its own 'restricted' and 'unrestricted' funds, just like your regional federation that you belong to. Make your donation to which ever fund you want.

This ends this series of articles about the AFMS and how it relates to you. I hope it helps you to understand the AFMS and how it relates to the NFMS. If you have any questions about the AFMS or NFMS just ask your club's Federation Director, which 'will make their day'!

[My apologies to Lauren for using the wrong picture on past articles he wrote – Editor]



## Welcome! To A New NFMS Club

The **Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society** of Provo Utah, would like to introduce our organization to you. We are a non-profit, educational and hobby oriented organization of people who are interested in the general fields of geology, mineralogy, paleontology and Indian artifacts. We actively collect various types of rocks, minerals and invertebrate fossils. Some of us collect for the display of specimens, others to cut, polish or facet suitable rocks and minerals which are often fashioned into beautiful jewelry.

Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society was organized June 1958 with about 58 charter members. They held their first show in 1959. Today we are still going strong with 300+ members and we just completed our 51st annual Rock Show which has been held consistently since 1959.

Our prime interest in presenting our annual show is to share this vast store of knowledge and natural beauty with the general public and especially the younger members of our communities.

Those participating in our Club's activities have a fun time! I know it takes a lot of work to make a Club fun to belong to. Our club, Timpanogos Gem & Mineral Society, is no exception! We have fun

visiting, learning and at the silent auction table on the last Wednesday of each monthly meeting. At our three summer parties we meet at Kelly's Grove at 4:00 p.m. and help fill grab bags and make items for the Wheel of Fortune for our March 2011 Show and have a banquet starting at 6:30 p.m. Everyone brings a potluck dish to go with Grilled Turkey in June and Steak in July. They bring a desert for our delicious Milk Can Dinner in August. We hold an Auction on the third Wednesday of November with the best auctioneer ever. This is a good time for our members to get their Christmas gifts while having fun. Then our final event for the year is the third Wednesday of December - our delicious Christmas Party.

We try to go rock hunting at least twice each month from March through October - sometimes more often. This is a fantastic way to learn where to go - learn which rocks are great to collect and which are fantastic leaverites. We have fun with other members of the club, no matter where we are, what we are doing and what we are learning.

And we are always learning - looking for new places to go rock hunting - determining what great educational programs we should have and fun ideas for our monthly meetings.

If you are in our area on a meeting night come on in and say "Hi", or call one of us anytime you happen to be in the area.

Keith & Jerrie Fackrell,

## COMMENTS, THOUGHTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



### NFMS Nominees for Rock Hound of the Year

#### CLACKAMETTE GEM & MINERAL CLUB

The Clackamette Gem & Mineral Club of Oregon City, OR is honored to nominate **HIDEMI & TOMOKO KIRA** as our 2010 Rockhounds of the year. Since joining the club in 2002 the Kira's have worked tirelessly in support of our club. Hidemi has served as a board member, then as 2nd vice president /field trip chairman, 1st vice president/show chairman and club president for two terms. He also served on the program and membership committees, as well as web master.

Tomoko's perky personality and hard work has been an inspiration to the club. Additionally, she has served two terms as head of the club's hostess/sunshine committees.

Their lapidary and business knowledge have been of great value in support of the club's annual show and sale. They are key figures in the operation of the club and this nomination is a small token of appreciation for all they have done.

Submitted by David Hanna, Federation Director

#### YAKIMA ROCK and MINERAL CLUB, INC.

On behalf of the YAKIMA ROCK And MINERAL CLUB, INC., of Yakima, WA, I would like to nominate our candidate, **HOWARD ALEXANDER**, for 2010 Rockhound of The Year. He has occupied positions of elected offices as well as chairing many committees. He is a great asset particularly when it comes to the club's annual gem show. He participates in all club activities. This individual when called upon to assist a fellow rockhound doesn't hesitate to provide any help required. Therefore, this individual is most deserving of this special honor and recognition.

Submitted by Howard S. Walter, Jr., Federation Director

#### CHUGACH GEM AND MINERAL CLUB

The Chugach Gem and Mineral Club of Anchorage, AK are proud to nominate an exceptional couple as our 2010 Rockhound(s) of the Year. For over 15 years, **Joe and Bobbie Turnbow** have supported our club in all activities, serving as editor and officers, leading special field trips, helping in all aspects of our annual show from setup, display competition and takedown. The Turnbows have opened their lapidary shop monthly for classes and meetings.

They share their expertise of lapidary techniques to formal Earth Science classes. Joe has helped the Natural History Museum identify a large number of specimens when the Museum's documentation was lost. Joe conducts special geology classes and field trips every year for local organizations, schools, scouts, bead societies, etc.

Joe also took on the project of finishing our "Rockhound Guidebook of Alaska" which had been stalled for several years. When membership wouldn't finance the publication, he created a partnership between the club and three businesses to spread the cost. Joe and Bobbie work full time 'day jobs' plus their rock shop and have no more time than any of us, yet they still find time to devote to the club and are generous with specimen donations to the club and the public.

Submitted by Thomas W. Cooper, Federation Director



#### Faceting Boot Camp hosted by John Bailey

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July 8-13, 2010.

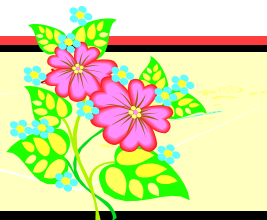
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I will provide a quantity of rough, my well-known polish, an exclusive 150-page manual and reference with dozens of designs - and a guaranteed good time.

If you have other questions, please ask.



## Happy Mother's Day



## Happy Father's Day



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NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT 2010

Here we are looking Spring straight in the face and wondering how we are going to utilize our Spring, Summer and Fall weather to the best advantage. Merlia and I were fortunate enough to spend the winter down South in Quartzsite. We had our share of rain and a tornado touched down in Blythe just 22 miles West of Quartzsite. Other than that it is pretty hard to beat shirt sleeve weather.

It appears that a lot of folks are looking ahead to Fall and the Northwest Rockhound Retreat at Hancock Field Station in Central Oregon. I just got our 50th registration and according to our contract that is the maximum. For those of you who have procrastinated, I will still be taking forms and creating a waiting list. In the past years we have found that a few people have problems arise and they must cancel out. We then use the waiting list to fill out the Retreat to its max. If you are one of those that want in, send in your form but do not send a check with it. If it happens that you are pulled from the waiting list, I will call you and you can then send the check. If you are on the waiting list and do not get called , next year you will be notified before the published notice in the Newsletter so you will have the opportunity to get in before it fills up.

For those of you who have not been able to make the connection with the Retreat yet, it is a wonderful experience and you can't beat the price. This year we are having Wayne Sukow from the Eastern Federation join us, and he will provide three wonderful evening programs on Agates. He states that one will be on Lake Superior Agates, the second on Iris Agates (He says "it will blow your sox off") and the third is as of yet undefined. If you want to join this group, fill out the entry form and get on the waiting list for this year, you might still have the chance to get in.

If you have questions about the Retreat, please give me a call or Email and I will try to give you the info. My phone number is 503-666-2905 and my Email is [lstilgner1@verizon.net](mailto:lstilgner1@verizon.net)

Lamar Tilgner

2010 REGISTRATION NORTHWEST ROCKHOUND RETREAT September 6th thru 12th, 2010

Sponsored by

The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies (One Registrant per form, Please.)

Name: Address: City: State: Zip: Phone: Are you a member of a related Club? Name of Club:

Your E-Mail address: Registration Fee: \$270.00 Fossil Beds Trip: \$35.00 Work Shop Fee: \$45.00 RV Electric Hookup: \$15.00 for the week (Place fee on 1st choice) Daily Rate: \$55.00

Note: These costs must be paid at registration; Material costs will be paid to Workshop Instructor. Do you need a cabin? Do you need an RV Parking Place? If you are in a cabin, is there another registrant you want in the same cabin? Please identify them.

Instructions: On the right, check which activities you wish to Participate. Place the amount on the line to the right. Total the right hand column and send a check with this form to: Lamar Tilgner 200 S.E. Olvera Ave. Gresham, OR 97080 503-666-2905

NOTE: Make check payable to Lamar Tilgner

Only pay Workshop fee once - Show Workshops you plan to work in and number preference. Remember, there are 28 hours of Workshop time, so you can register for multiples and divide your time It has been requested that if you take Faceting that you allot full time to that effort.

# The Judging Seminar is only for those folks who are familiar with the Federation and the disciplines that this requires. This is an intense 5 day course leading to Judging Certification.

NOTE: If you have any special dietary needs, please note them on entry form so we can get them to the cook.



## PUBLIC LANDS UPDATE



## ON GUARD – PUBLIC LANDS ADVISORY

Andy Johnson

**IN ALASKA**.....Red Devil Mine is in a remote and isolated area of southwestern Alaska, 250 miles west of Anchorage. Cinnabar was mined here; mercury was extracted from the ore. The mining operation spanned from 1933 until 1971, and produced approximately 35,000 2.5-quart flasks (76 lbs. per flask) of mercury. By the 1990s, the mine was hardly noticeable from the air and consisted of a small clearing and a scattering of building ruins. The mine is accessed from the Kuskokwim River or by aircraft via a gravel airstrip at nearby Red Devil Village.

Less visible, but perhaps more impacting, are the environmental effects the operation left behind after the mine played out. The processing of the ore (cinnabar) and the naturally metal-rich host rock resulted in heavy metals contaminating the soils and adjacent stream sediments with mercury, antimony, arsenic, and lead.

The Red Devil Mine is on federal lands managed by the BLM. The BLM is working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation to investigate the extent of contamination and conduct the cleanup. The BLM is coordinating with the area's Native corporations and the local community of Red Devil Village to keep all parties informed.

**IN IDAHO**

BLM Seeks Nominees for Resource Advisory Councils

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Idaho announced today that it is seeking public nominations for 19 open positions on its 4 Resource Advisory Councils, which advise the BLM on public land issues. The BLM will consider the nominations for 45 days after today, when the agency is publishing its formal call for nominations in the Federal Register.

The BLM's Resource Advisory Councils (RACs), composed of citizens chosen for their expertise in natural resource issues, help the Bureau carry out its stewardship of 253 million acres of public lands. The Bureau, which manages more land than any other Federal agency, has 24 RACs across the West, where most BLM-managed land is located. Each RAC consists of 12 to 15 members with an interest in public land management, including such individuals as conservationists, ranchers, outdoor recreationists, state and local government officials, Tribal officials and academics. The diverse membership of each RAC is aimed at achieving a balanced outlook that the BLM needs for its mission, which is to manage the public lands for multiple uses.

"I value the advice given to the BLM by these citizen-based Resource Advisory Committees, and I know that Interior Secretary Ken Salazar shares my view of their importance," said BLM Director Bob Abbey. "The people who live, work, and recreate near or on BLM-managed lands deserve a formal voice on public land issues, and their input will enhance our agency's ability to manage the public lands for multiple uses while conserving resources for future generations."

Individuals may nominate themselves or others to serve on an advisory council. Nominees, who must be residents of the state or states where

the RAC has jurisdiction, will be judged on the basis of their training, education and knowledge of the council's geographical area. Nominees should also demonstrate a commitment to consensus building and collaborative decision making. All nominations must be accompanied by letters of reference from any represented interests or organizations; a completed background information nomination form; and any other information that speaks to the nominee's qualifications. The nomination form may be downloaded from the web in both DOC and PDF formats.

The RAC positions open in Idaho are in the following categories:

**Category One** – Public land ranchers and representatives of organizations associated with energy and mineral development, the timber industry, transportation or rights-of-way, off-highway vehicle use, and commercial recreation.

**Category Two** – Representatives of nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, archaeological and historical organizations, dispersed recreation activities, and wild horse and burro organizations.

**Category Three** – Representatives of state, county, or local elected office; representatives and employees of a state agency responsible for the management of natural resources; representatives of Indian Tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized; representatives and employees of academic institutions who are involved in natural sciences; and the public-at-large.

**Boise District**

Category 1 – 2 vacancies - Category 2 – 1 vacancy -  
Category 3 – 2 vacancies

**Idaho Falls District**

Category 1 – 2 vacancies - Category 2 – 2 vacancies -  
Category 3 – 1 vacancy

**Coeur d'Alene District**

Category 1 – 2 vacancies - Category 2 – 1 vacancy -  
Category 3 – 1 vacancy

**Twin Falls District**

Category 1 – 1 vacancy - Category 2 – 2 vacancies -  
Category 3 – 2 vacancies

Nominations should be sent to the respective BLM District Office address below and must be received no later than May 10, 2010:

**Boise District RAC**

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Boise District Office, BLM  
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Boise, ID 83705  
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[Mary\\_J\\_Byrne@blm.gov](mailto:Mary_J_Byrne@blm.gov)

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## PUBLIC LANDS UPDATE (Cont.)

### Coeur d'Alene District RAC

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### Idaho Falls District RAC

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### Twin Falls District RAC

Heather Tiel-Nelson  
Twin Falls District Office, BLM

## IN MONTANA

### USDA FOREST SERVICE IS DEVELOPING A NEW PLANNING RULE

MISSOULA, Mont. – Regional Forester Leslie Weldon has revealed the process by which a new PLANNING RULE is being developed by the US Forest Service.

“Forrest Service Land and Resource Management Planning Rule” (planning rule).

The planning rule provides the primary framework for individual forests and grasslands to develop amend and revise land management plans. To collaboratively discuss how the new planning rule should be developed and elements that the framework should contain. The Forest Service will also host a national science forum, three national roundtables and eight additional regional roundtables. This provides multiple opportunities for public participation which ties directly to President Obama’s call for open government that is transparent, participatory and collaborative, and illustrates Forest Service commitment to engage the public in the development of a new planning rule.

"We encourage broad public participation in our regional roundtables," said Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell. "Through collaboration we will be able to better address the current and future needs of the National Forest System such as restoration, protecting watersheds, addressing climate change ,sustaining local economies, improving collaboration, and working across landscapes.”.

Anyone interested in participating in this planning process is encouraged to contacting Larry Lackner at (406) 329-3659. Additional background can be found at <http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/projects/planning/>. Public involvement on development of the new planning rule will not affect the ongoing forest plan revision efforts in the Northern Region, like those on the Idaho Panhandle and Kootenai National Forests. These revision efforts are moving forward under the 1982 planning rule, which will continue to be used by forests and grasslands to amend plans while a new rule is being developed.

Summaries from discussions in the science forum, national and regional roundtables, along with the individual comments received during the 60-day formal comment period on the Notice of Intent, will be used to develop the proposed rule and a draft environmental impact statement. To encourage widespread participation the Forest Service is using new media tools in conjunction with the public meetings. Please visit <http://blogs.usda.gov/usdablogs/planningrule> to participate in the planning rule blog and sign up to follow the Forest Service on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/forestservice](http://www.twitter.com/forestservice).

## IN OREGON.....

### Resource Councils in Eastern Oregon Need Advisors

PORTLAND – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is seeking applicants for positions on Resource Advisory Councils (RACs) in central and eastern Oregon. These RACs advise and recommend management strategies for federal lands east of the Cascade Range administered by the BLM and the US Forest Service. The John Day-Snake RAC and the Southeast Oregon RAC each have five terms

expiring in September. Nominations for these key advisors will be accepted through **May 10, 2010**. Individuals may nominate themselves or others, and current members whose terms expire this year may be re-nominated. Candidates must reside in the State where the Council has jurisdiction. For a nomination form or additional information, please contact Pam Robbins, Bureau of Land Management, ([pam\\_robbins@or.blm.gov](mailto:pam_robbins@or.blm.gov)), P.O. Box 2965 Portland, Oregon 97208, (503) 808-6306; online at <http://www.blm.gov/or/rac/index.php>; or your local BLM District Office.

## IN WASHINGTON

A Message From

Larry K. Raedel, DNR Chief of Law  
Enforcement Services & Education

Washingtonians love being outdoors. It is part of the delight of living in the Evergreen State. Unlike so many other states, we are still blessed with most of the three million acres of trust lands granted by the federal government at statehood. Revenue from these working landscapes provides financial support for such public institutions and services as schools and universities, fire districts and other county services. By culture and tradition, the trust lands are also available for many forms of recreation. The laws of Washington provide this opportunity to Washington citizens, so long as the lands can still be managed to benefit the institutions and services they support, and appropriate stewardship of the environment is assured. Recreation Opportunities: The department’s primary recreation focus is to provide public access opportunities on 2.1 million acres of forested state trust lands, with trails and trailhead facilities, offering a primitive experience in a natural setting. Across Washington, the 1,100 miles of trails and thousands of miles of roads provide considerable access for dispersed recreation activities, such as camping, hunting, fishing, horse-back riding, bird watching, and sightseeing. Each year, an estimated 11 million visitors come to enjoy these lands. In addition, we encourage public access to the 2.4 million acres of aquatic lands that we manage as a public trust. The Department of Natural Resources is committed to offering the public an opportunity to come and enjoy outdoor activities on agency managed lands. One of our primary objectives is keeping the lands safe for the public and DNR staff, while meeting the agency’s business needs. We are also heavily committed to resource protection, whether it’s preventing meth labs, marijuana grows, or battling wildfires that could spread to private or other public lands. DNR’s Law Enforcement Officers are commissioned police officers. Our purpose is to ensure your safety and to protect state assets and the environment. We are authorized to cite violators and, if necessary, to arrest them. Law Enforcement Services has officers in DNR’s six regions. Enforcement involves four main areas: collision investigations, theft, vandalism, and public use. The

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## PUBLIC LANDS UPDATE (Cont.)

Law Enforcement Program relies heavily on feedback from the public. If you have questions or comments, please use the below info.

### DNR Law Enforcement Regions

Northeast Region (Colville) 509-684-7474  
 Pacific Cascades Region (Castle Rock) 360-577-2025  
 Northwest Region (Sedro Woolley) 360-856-3500  
 Southeast Region (Ellensburg) 509-925-8510  
 Olympic Region (Forks) 360-374-2800  
 South Puget Sound (Enumclaw) 360-825-1631

### OF SPECIAL INTEREST \*\*\*\*\*

The US Forest Service is undertaking a collaborative process to develop a proposed, new Planning Rule to address current and future

needs of the 155 national forests and 20 grasslands in the National Forest System. The proposed Planning Rule will provide the framework for individual forests and grasslands to use in developing, amending and revising land management plans. The desired outcome for this collaborative, rule-making process is to create a new Planning Rule that is successful, practical, and supported by the public. The rule must also meet the requirements of the National Forest Management Act of 1976. The Forest Service will prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) to develop the new Planning Rule.

"Our National Forests and Grasslands are great natural treasures that we must conserve and restore for the benefit of future generations," said Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack. "Developing a new planning rule provides the opportunity to manage national forests and grasslands for the benefit of water resources, the climate and local communities." Of course there was no mention of recreational opportunities in his statement.

To have your voice heard follow the link  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r6/pdx/planning-rule.shtml>  
<http://fs.usda.gov/planningrule>



### QUICK TIPS for EDITORS By Linda Jaeger, AFMS Bulletin Editors Advisory Chair

If you have a question (or suggestion) about editing or writing or the bulletin contest or something related, send it to me by email: [LjgrAlg@aol.com](mailto:LjgrAlg@aol.com) or at home address: 3515 E. 88<sup>th</sup> St., Tulsa, OK 74137. If I cannot find an answer to your question, we'll publish the question and ask the readers for their answers.

**When you read this** AFMS judges will be in full swing, reading and judging entries for the 2010 AFMS Bulletin Editor's Contest. When I have received the results, I will send postcards to the top 10 winners in each category. See you at the CFMS/AFMS Show and Convention in California in June!

### Abbreviations – Have I found a shortcut to a can of worms?

My husband recently asked me a question about an abbreviation he wanted to use in an article he was writing. I thought, "Gee, abbreviations would be a good topic to research and write about for 'Quick Tips.'" The best thing I can say is: decide on a reasonable style and stick with it.

There are a mountain of different styles to choose from -- some for essays, some for technical writing, some for specific subject areas, some for casual writing. The can of worms I discovered is that none of these styles seem to agree on much of anything.

The most helpful information came from an online site for home schoolers. It gave these basic rules for abbreviation use:

- if you're unsure about using an abbreviation, spell it out every time you use it (for numbers, I'd stick with full spellings for any number under 10 and use numerals for anything with two or more digits)
- check the dictionary – it's always worth a try
- be consistent with the style you have chosen
- use an abbreviation instead of a contraction (as in "cont." instead of "cont'd." for continued)
- if the abbreviation is only a couple of letters shorter than the actual word you might as well use the whole word<sup>1</sup>
- within a reference, use periods with the abbreviations (Vol., 5<sup>th</sup> ed., p. 41)

The articles we write for our bulletins sometimes need **units of measure**. The numerical part is written with numerals, there is a space between the numeric part and the units, and there is no period after the abbreviation for the units, except when it is in. for inches (to distinguish from the preposition, "in"). Samples: 35 in., 18 g, 79 km<sup>2</sup>

Numbers that should always be **written with numerals**, not words are: dates, addresses, percentages, fractions and decimals, scores, exact amounts of money, and time of day.

There are some words that **we should NOT abbreviate** as we are writing: short forms of words (thru, nite – too casual), days of the week, months of the year, people's names (use Charles, not Chas.), and states' names (use Oklahoma, not OK or Okla.).<sup>2</sup>

Then there are the acronyms. A true acronym is formed by taking the first letter of each word in a phrase and using those initials to form a word that can be pronounced.

If the acronym forms a proper noun (NASA, NAFTA, AIDS) the letters are all capitalized, and there are no periods. If initials form a phrase (a.k.a., e.g., i.e.) they are written in small case letters and include the periods. It helps the reader to see the nouns or phrases spelled out the first time they are used, with acronyms each time they are mentioned afterwards.<sup>3</sup>

I repeat – be consistent!

Now, about that can of worms – fishing anyone?

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## Gem and Mineral Show Calendar

<b>Date</b>	<b>Club/Show Name</b>	<b>Show Location</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>
<b>May 1-2</b> Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	West Seattle Rock Club 44th Annual Gem & Mineral Show	Alki Masonic Temple, 4736 40th Ave SW, Seattle, WA	Rachel Miller westseattlerockshow@hotmail.com
<b>May 8 - 9</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Bozeman Gem & Mineral Club "Montana's Treasures"	Gallatin County Fair Grounds Black & Tamarack (Exit I-90 @ N. 7th Street), Bozeman, MT	Dan Carter 406 586 4552 Sally Griffin 406 451 4248 griffin830@yahoo.net
<b>May 15 - 16</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Hatrockhounds Gem & Mineral Society	Hermiston Conference Center 4155 Highway 395, Hermiston, OR 97838	Mike Filarski, (541) 922 5091 stonemorlin1@netscape.net
<b>May 15 - 16</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Annual Show	Ravalli County Fairgrounds, First Interstate Ctr, 100 Old Corvallis Road, Hamilton, MT	Steve Vieth, (406) 369-5489 viethsteve88@gmail.com
<b>June 4 - 6</b> Fri 12-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 11-4	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	Fruitland Grange 112th Street & 86th Avenue East, Puyallup, WA	Mark Baumann, (253) 756-8636 djbmeb@earthlink.net
<b>June 5 - 6</b> Sat 9-5, Sun 10-4	North Idaho Mineral Club Show	Kootenai Co. Fairgrounds and Event Center Kathleen and Gov't Way, Coeur d'Alene, ID	Warren Price, PO Box 1643 Hayden ID 83835 genuniegems@gmail.com
<b>June 18 - 20</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4:30	Oregon Coast Agate Club Rock'n the Coast 47th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Yaquina View Elementary School - Multipurpose Room, 351 SE Harney Street Newport, OR 97365	K. Myers 541 265 2514 PO Box 293 Newport OR 97365
<b>June 19 - 20</b> Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	Butte Mineral & Gem Club Annual Show	Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Avenue (exit 127 North) Butte, Montana	Pete Knudsen 406 496 4395, PO Box 4492 Butte, MT 59702
<b>July 16- -18</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-4	Lower Umpqua Gem & Lapidary "Treasures Of The Earth"	Reedsport community building 415 Winchester Ave, Reedsport, OR	Bill Hendrickson 541-271-6816 or bamoonman7@msn.com
<b>July 24 - 25</b> Sat 9 - 6 Sun 9 - 5	Washington Agate and Mineral Society (WAMS) and the Tenino Rock Cruisers Rock & Gem Rendez-Vous	Parkside Elementary School, Stage Street South Tenino WA Exit 88 from I-5, go east approx 8 miles. Turn right on Stage Street South. Go one block. The school is on the left.	Contact: Daniel De Boer keylock1@live.com 5107 Brenner Dr. NW Olympia WA 98502
<b>August 6 - 8</b> Fri 10-6, Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary and Gem Society Rock & Gem Show	Far West Lapidary and Gem Society North Bend Com. Ctr., 2222 Broadway, North Bend, OR	Rocky Pribble 541-572-8301 PO Box 251 Coos Bay OR 97420
<b>August 13 - 15</b> Fri 10 - 9, Sat 10 - 9 Sun 10 - 6	Port Townsend Rock Club	Jefferson County Fairgrounds 4907 Landes Street Port Townsend WA	Tom Madsen, 2915 SR20 Port Townsend WA 98368 tommadsen@olypen.com
<b>August 21 - 22</b> Sat - 10 - 6 Sun - 9 - 4	Nisqually Valley Rockhound Society	Yelm City Park, Highway 507 Yelm, WA, (Exit 111 off I-5/Marvin Road)	Tim Howard 17240 110th Avenue SE, Yelm WA 98597, 360-458-7841 Tim_WSSMI@comcast.net
<b>September 11 &amp; 12</b> Sat - 10 - 5 Sun - 10 - 5	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	Walla Walla County Fair Ground 9th Street & Orchard, Community Center Walla Walla WA 99362	Warren Rood 509 522 2330 wrood@coffeycomm.com
<b>Sept 17 - 19</b> Fri 10-5, Sat 10-5, Sun 10-5	Far West Lapidary and Gem Society South Coast Rock & Gem Fest 2010	4th Street Parking Lot (across from Outdoor-In) Downtown Coos Bay, OR	Rocky Pribble 541-572-8301 PO Box 251, Coos Bay OR 97420
<b>September 18 - 19</b> Sat 10 - 6 Sun 10 - 4	Southern Washington Mineralogical Society	Castle Rock Fairgrounds Castle Rock, WA 98611	Fran Wolff PO Box 1492, Kalama WA 98625 360-560-2987, fwolff@comcast.net
<b>Sept. 25-26</b> Sat 10-6, Sun 10-5	Hellgate Mineral Society Big Sky Rocks	Ruby's Reserve Street Inn 4825 North Reserve Street Missoula, MT 59808	Bob Riggs 14 Holiday Lane, Missoula MT 59801, 406-543-3667
<b>October 16 - 17</b> Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Hells Canyon Gem Gifts From The Earth	Nez Perce County Fair Grounds 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston ID 83501	Rick Westerholm 208-746-2101 POBox 365, Lewiston ID 83501
<b>October 23-24</b> Sat 9-6, Sun 10-5	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Harvest of Gems in 2010 - 46th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Clackamas County Fairgrounds Main Pavilion Building, 694 NE 4th Avenue Canby, OR	Bea Settle 503-631-3128 Rick Mauer 503-691-6395 tallericardo@juno.com
November 20 & 21 Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 5	2010 Fall Festival of Gems Kitsap Mineral & Gem Society	The President's Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds 1200 N.W. Fairgrounds Road Bremerton WA 98311	Jim McClure 253-265-3011, pogy2@centurytel.net