Last month was very busy. I had an opportunity to attend the RMFMS show hosted in Sandy, Utah. The show was very well done and I enjoyed visiting with all of the friendly vendors. It was nice, too, to renew my acquaintance with the RMFMS President, DeLane Cox whom I had met at the AFMS show in Minnesota last year.

A couple of weeks later I was off to Ventura, California for the CFMS show hosted there. Ventura is where I graduated from high school eons ago so I still claim it as home. It was great visiting with family and friends as well as renewing acquaintances from the Ventura, Oxnard and Thousand Oaks clubs whom I met when they came to the Spencer Opal Mines in Idaho last year.

There were 57 competitive cases at the CFMS show. This is awesome! I was invited to assist with the judging of some of these cases. It was a really fun opportunity. I hope we have a good showing of competitive cases at our own NFMS show in August, not only so I can participate in judging again but also because it gives the show a broader dimension demonstrating what wonderful things we do. Make me proud!

I’m looking forward to renewing acquaintances at the NFMS show. See you there!
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Don Innes
1st VP

The summer is heating up here on the Coast of Oregon. Unseasonably warm. I have never been to Butte Montana and am looking forward to seeing all the Mining and Mines.

In perusing the us.gov web sites that affect us as rock hounds I find the following:
Title 39 ---Mineral resources---12 volumes---1300 Pages
Title 36---Parks and Forest------16 volumes –1700---Pages
Title 40—Protection of Environment---34 volumes—1800 Pages
Title 50 Wildlife and Fisheries---13 volumes---660 –Pages. Total 5460 Pages

It appears we need a law degree to understand these regulations, rules and restrictions. How does a rock hound understand without background information all these three R laws. We are obliged and do follow the laws, but which ones... There seems to be one for every city, county, State and a separate one for the bloated Government. We absolutely need to know where we are when we search for rocks.

I received a memo from Dee Holland about the Forest Service demanding that Timber Companies play back millions of dollars in Federal Subsidies under the Automatic Budget cuts. This is not a joke. Check out the information at:http://www.huffingtonposst.com/huff-wires/20130329/us-federal-repayment-demands/?utm hp rer=arts&ir=arts

This money has been used to pay for schools, roads, and search and rescue operations in rural counties. 41 states and possibly your state are involved. This money is from taxes that are due the counties that are due them from Federal Land that are within the counties.

“He who does no harm to his fellowman, and does not restrict his neighbors from their God given Freedom is a good human being.”

Keep up the faith, there is light at the end of the tunnel. Check the ALAA website periodically to see the changes the Government has made: ALAA web site= http://www.amlands.org/6652/index.html

Judi Allison
Nominating Committee

Attention Directors and Delegates:

My Apologies for not being at the annual meeting to formally introduce the slate of candidates for the upcoming year. I will be in Las Vegas at my granddaughter's wedding. Although family trumps rockhounding, believe you me, I checked on a number of possibilities of how I could be in two places at once. Since it might be a bit frightening to have a clone of me, I decided I'd better give up the effort and go to the wedding.

At any rate, I am confident the following individuals will serve the Federation well, so I offer them to you without reservation. Please consider for the 2013-14 year the following individuals.

Don Innes - President
Warren Rood - 1st Vice President
Hidemi Kira - 2nd Vice President
Joan Day - Secretary
Lyle Vogelpohl - Treasurer

Again, I wish I could be there, and I give you all my best.

LATE BREAKING NEWS --

There will be an ALAA meeting at the NFMS BUTTE, MONTANA show on Saturday, AUGUST 10th at 10am at the Civic Auditorium (show location). We are working on having the "CITIZEN FOR BALANCED USE" a Montana based advocate for Forest Access join us in a round table discussion.

PLEASE JOIN US, Shirley, ALAA, president@amlands.org
Rockhound of the Year
By Viola Jones

Hatrockhound Gem and Mineral Society of Hermiston, Oregon honor Mike Filarski as its Rockhound for 2013. As Show Chairman, Mike has provided our community with an excellent show the last seven years. As Vice President, he gives of himself to share his knowledge, give presentations to local schools and simply be a generous, valuable member. We are proud to have Mike among our membership and hope to have the privilege of his fellowship for many years to come.

From the Editor’s Rockpile
By Beth Heesacker

It is almost here: the big trip to Butte. Even though our plans have had to be cut back due to circumstances beyond our control, I am still looking forward to the big meeting. A quick trip over and a quick trip back. Of course while I am there I will hunt through the back roads for interesting specimens. I will check out the book stores for items to add to my collection. Of course I will search through all of the vendors’ wares and pick out a few unique pieces that beg to come home with me.

And then there are the friends, the shared meals, tall tales and many laughs. Montana is a beautiful state with wonderful, friendly people. Come join us for the NFMS meeting and the Butte Show.

Display Judging

We just finished a very successful competition in the CFMS with 56 competitors. With the NFMS show in Butte, Montana coming, we hope the NFMS will take the challenge and send in applications for competition to Joe Slouber, P.O. Box 427, Butte, MT 59701.

The DEADLINE is July 10, 2013. You can get a copy of the application at the NFMS website. Let’s hear from you.

Dee Holland, Judging Chair of the NFMS Rules Committee beauholland@centurytel.net

NFMS SUPPLEMENTAL RULES TO THE AFMS RULE BOOK

1.1 The AFMS Rule Book updated to January 1st of the year of the show applies.
1.2 The Rules for judges to follow in scoring are listed in the AFMS rules.
1.3 Disqualifications can only be made by the Rules Chair.
1.4 Ribbons shall be awarded to entries showing the group in which the exhibitor has entered.
1.5 All other awards shall be given out as listed in the AFMS Rule Book.
1.6 Winners of any NFMS trophy are not eligible to compete in the same class until the third annual show thereafter.
1.7 In all cases the decision of the Rules Chair shall be final.

NFMS SWEEPSTAKES PLAQUE

Sweepstakes Award. A Special Sweepstakes Award plaque will be awarded to the Master Exhibitor who has scored 90 points or above in any Division. This will be judged by a team of judges appointed by the Rules chair. They will make the decision on the winner.

NFMS SOCIETY PLAQUES

Large Societies in competition. The highest scoring Large Society will have their name put on the perpetual NFMS Large Society Plaque.

Small Societies in competition. The highest scoring Small Society will have their name put on the perpetual NFMS Small Society Plaque. Both of the above plaques may go home with the winners. Both plaques must be returned the following year to be awarded again.

NFMS SUPPLEMENTAL TROPHIES

2.1 Supplementary trophies are sponsored by club/societies or individuals. And approved by the NFMS Executive Board and Rules Committee. In order to sponsor a trophy a check for $500 has to be deposited with the NFMS Treasurer to open an account for the trophy.
2.2 The NFMS Rules Committee will choose a team to look at all exhibits that meet the criteria of the particular trophy.
2.3 NFMS Supplemental trophies are not recognized by the AFMS.

SUPPLEMENTAL TROPHIES

JOHN T. (Ted) HEDIN MEMORIAL TROPHY – PETRIFIED WOOD, including cast, ferns, palm, etc. Established June 1973


Dee Holland, NFMS Rules beauholland@centurytel.net
CAMPING & HOTEL INFORMATION FOR THE SHOW

The Best Western Plus Butte Plaza Inn is the show headquarters. Ask for “The Northwestern Federation of Mineralogical Societies show” or the “Northwest Federation Show”. There's dry camping at the Civic Center or there's a KOA - phone number (406)782-8080.

A. Best Western Plus Butte Plaza Inn  
   2900 Harrison Ave, Butte, Mt  
   (406) 494-3500

B. Hampton Inn Butte  
   3499 Harrison Ave, Butte, Mt  
   (406) 494-2250

C. Hotel Finlen  
   100 E Broadway St, Butte, Mt  
   (406) 723-5461

D. Comfort Inn Butte  
   2777 Harrison Ave, Butte, Mt  
   (406) 494-8850

E. Super 8 Butte  
   2929 Harrison Ave, Butte, Mt  
   (800) 454-3213

F. Quality Inn & Suites  
   2100 Cornell Ave, Butte, Mt  
   (406) 494-7800

G. The Copper King Hotel and Convention Center  
   4655 Harrison Ave, Butte, Mt  
   (406) 221-7070

H. Motel 6 Butte  
   122005 Nissler Rd, Butte, Mt  
   (406) 792-5678

I. La Quinta Inn & Suites Butte  
   1 Holiday Park Dr, Butte, Mt  
   (406) 494-6999

J. Eddy's Motel  
   1205 S Montana St, Butte, Mt  
   (406) 723-4364
Public Lands Access

By Andy Johnson

The flames of change sweeping through the Federal Land Management agencies these days are causing eyebrows to raise and voices to rise over what appears to be a total disregard for the health, safety and welfare of our public lands as well as the consumptive and non-consumptive recreational users of our nations public lands.

As our public lands waste away from lack of proper funding and maintenance we are also seeing our parks and forests becoming less user friendly. Being threatened more by the forces of man then from nature. These actions perpetuate a growing feeling that the public's quest for recreational freedom, the enjoyment and pursuit of a wide array of outdoor activities is diminishing and becoming more restrictive not to mention the financial cost to engage in these outdoor recreational activities.

Currently the fuel feeding the fires of concern surrounding our public lands center around a handful of agencies of our federal government. Within the Department of Interior are namely the Bureau of Land Management (BLM); the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the Bureau of Reclamation. Also of extreme importance to recreational users of our public forest and grasslands is the U.S. Forest Service, an agency within the Department of Agriculture.

In every state in our NW Federation and throughout the nation, BLM is engaged in revising their public land management policies through a process which has come to be known as the Resource Management plan or (RMP). This plan seeks to modify and restrict access and land use on public lands they manage. An equal endeavor is happening within the US Forest Service which is engaged in reshaping how the public will enjoy and access their National Forests over the next 20 years through a process known as the Travel Management plan (TMP). Not to be overlooked is the US Fish & Wildlife Service who in collaboration with state F&W agencies is impacting the public's ability to recreate and enjoy their public lands by initiating and promoting the listing of certain flora and fauna to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) which impacts the land use not only on public lands but private lands as well.

Let us not overlook another player in the public lands game which is the Corps of Engineers a division of the United States Army which is the chief steward to more than 12 million acres of public lands and waters in our country and the leading provider of water based outdoor recreation.

Numerous reasons exist why our public lands are under attack and why the public’s recreational rights to the use and enjoyment of those lands are increasingly being restricted and diminished. One only has to look at federal governments financial affairs to realize they were broke and unable to properly fund those commitments made in the past.

Resource priorities and protection seems to have surfaced as the number #1 mission of the vast majority of agencies within the Department of Interior as well as the Department of Agriculture when determining acceptable land use policies and practices. All at the expense of expanding and providing continuing recreational opportunities for the public. Yet the population of America is exploding along with their appetite for recreation and leisure.

There is legislation which has been passed and executive orders issued which border on the abuse of power, which seriously impact the public by ignoring their right to take part in the decision making process and shape new policy, it's time that we really re-evaluate the multitude of agencies that control and manage our public lands. We are living in a new age, a new century and we can no longer operate and maintain the status quo. It's interesting to note that between the USFS who controls 193 million acres, the BLM who controls 264 million acres and the National Park Service which controls 87 million acres, this represents nearly a 1/4 of the entire land mass of the US. Already this year the president has added to the warehouse of public lands, five new national monuments using HIS executive power.

It would be fairly easy to provide additional pages of commentary on the status and condition of our public lands in America but the most important and pressing issue I want to leave you with in closing is that you can make a difference. However your choice not to become involved in the process of public land issues whether on a local, county, state or federal level will have devastating effects on your recreational rights in the future. To reiterate what the federation leadership has been saying this year........HELP, your input is needed. GET INVOLVED! Attend a hearing, write a letter to your representatives, make a phone call to your legislator. Speak up for yourself, your family and for the future of your recreational endeavors.
NFMS Show Bits and Pieces:

Competitive Case application is in the March edition.
Non-Competitive Case application is in the May edition.
Registration is in the May edition.
Credentials are in the June edition.
Camping and Hotel information is in this edition.

Please find what you need and download it from the NFMS Website, http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newsletters.asp. Thank you.

Clubs, please note that any SHOW INFORMATION should go to Pat Lambert, Show Coordinator. She will then send the information out to the rock magazines, websites and to this newsletter.

All MEMBERSHIP UPDATES, including new members so they can receive this newsletter as soon as possible, should go to Tom Burchard, Circulation Chair and to Carol Willey, Directory Chair.

See the second page of this newsletter for address information for these Chairmen and Chairwomen.

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