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NFMS/AFMS Website Contest 2010

Hello again, we are up and running for another year. I have been officially named the NFMS Website Contest Chairman and am so happy to returning to that job. I want you to know how much I enjoyed working with the Webmasters and Phyllis George in 2009.

I really look forward to hearing from all you wonderful webmasters out there and perhaps one of you will be the big AFMS winner in La Habra, California in 2010.

As committee members, we receive the entries, forward the entries to the judges for our region, receive in return the completed score sheets and rank the results. We then award the first place plaque and the certificates (places one through ten) at the Northwest Federation show's Editors Breakfast. The first place entry is then forwarded to the AFMS level for judging.

My current job is to notify all the webmasters, editors and club presidents in our region, as well as the regional newsletter editor about the details of the contest, the due date for entries, and of the schedule for the regional contest.

Webmasters wishing to enter their Websites into the contest should download from the AFMS Website (or from the regional website) the contest guidelines, the entry form, and the score sheet form. These are in PDF Format, and they can be opened with Adobe Acrobat Reader®.

To enter the contest the webmaster needs to fill out the entry form completely and fill out the information requested in the top part of the Score sheet. These forms can be filled out on your computer and saved to your hard drive.

Important: You need Acrobat Reader 9 to be able to save the filled in forms to your hard drive and be able to modify them at a later date, if necessary. Send the two completed forms as email attachments to me,

your regional Committee member before the due date. The due date for the 2010 contest for the NFMS is January 15th. I will still be in Quartzsite, but I usually have Internet service there. I will gather the entries and forward them to the judges.

Please think about this seriously and take a little time to enter your Website in the 2010 contest. I am looking forward to having lots of entries and showing those California people just how GREAT the Great Pacific Northwest is!!



BLUE FOREST in Wyoming

The TRI-FEDERATION FIELDTRIP

for 2010 is scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend The dates to remember are May 29,30,31

This is a well know collecting location with a large area to collect. Some great material is found here every year and lots of room to dig. We will plan to dry camp in the collecting area, indulge in a potluck one evening and follow that with a swap session.

As this plan develops more information will be posted. If you have some input or suggestions please e-mail Doug True/ NFMS Fieldtrip chairman at: dtruefossils@yahoo.com

A few notes of interest are the elevation in this area is between 6-7000 feet, the nights can get cold and the winds can BLOOOOW.

One of the best ways to find the petrified wood in this area is by probing with a steel rod. So if you do not have one, you have time to make one now. This process will save a lot of digging. I will be in contact with the BLM and will update all rules and restrictions in the next few months.

Make your plans now

Doug True NFMS – Fieldtrip chairman

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THE NEWSLETTER.**

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Ads for the Northwest Newsletter are \$1.50 per square inch.

Example: 3" x 4" ad = 12 inches
 12 inches x \$1.50 = \$18 per issue of the Newsletter

Do not send ads on colored paper because the back-ground will look gray in the ad. Following the placement of the ad, the Editor will send a billing statement to the customer which will include instructions to make payment to the NFMS Treasurer. For more information or questions, call, e-mail or write the **Newsletter Editor**.

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for YOUR SUBMISSIONS to the next
NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER is

DECEMBER 15th

Contact Beth Heesacker

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OFFICER/COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Evelyn Cataldo,****NFMS
President**

Crisp mornings, falling leaves, and waning daylight hours signal the approach of winter. With that

our thoughts turn to the holidays ahead. Thanksgiving nears and we contemplate our blessings.

One of those blessings over the past few years is having Bryan Schroeder as our *Northwest Newsletter* Editor. Bryan has done an outstanding job of keeping us all informed of what's happening in our Federation. The October *Northwest Newsletter* was Bryan's last issue as Editor. However, we are not going to let Bryan ride off into the sunset. Bryan has volunteered to chair a committee for long range planning. He has some great ideas to further the effectiveness of our Society. Bryan, we look forward to having you share those ideas with us

I wish to welcome Beth Heesacker as our new *Northwest Newsletter* Editor. Thank you for accepting the challenge of providing us with ten issues per year of the *Newsletter*.

Another one of our Northwest blessings has been the work of Gary Buhr with the Juniors. Gary has held the Chairmanship of Junior Activities for nine years. Gary has been the driving force behind the growth in numbers of our junior membership. Gary has faithfully provided us an accounting of his endeavors via the *Northwest Newsletter*. My admiration for Gary's accomplishments is huge.

Gary has notified me that he is taking on some new challenges and will not be able to continue as Chairman of the Junior Activities. Although a number of people have agreed to help with the juniors, I have not chatted with anyone willing to accept the leadership role. If you enjoy working with the juniors and are willing to be a coordinator of activities, please let me know and we will put together a working committee and continue with the wonderful work that Gary has been doing for our Federation.

I also want to thank Tim and Sharon DeGrie for volunteering to be our new Slide and Video Librarians. They are in the process of getting the library transferred to them from Quita Perry. Quita has done an exceptional job over the past several years. Thank you, Quita.

Wishing all of you Happy Holidays,
Evelyn

**Judy Allison****NFMS 2nd V.P.**

It is now month two in the year's cycle. Time certainly does fly. I have been "boning up" on the By-Laws and Operating Procedures so I can be better

informed. I am finding I receive a lot more "official" mail in this position, so I am learning a bit more about the "inner workings" of the federation.

As I sit here trying to keep a pesky fly from using my nose as a landing strip, I am reminded of the inevitability of colder weather to come. But, that time gives us the opportunity to do something with the treasures we have unearthed during the summer months. And it gives us time to reflect on possible ideas to increase interest and maintain membership. One of the clubs with which I am affiliated has been trying to come up with ideas of how to garner more interest in the club, and one member came up with a very novel idea for October. We are having a "rock costume" contest. The rules are few and the possibilities endless, so we will see how it goes.

Remember, you are the ones who keep things going. We are all "The Federation" and we all have a vested interest in its future. Happy sorting, cataloging, grinding, carving, faceting and whatever else you enjoy doing in the months to come.

Judi

**Jim and Libby
Spencer****Education
Co-Chairs**

"ABC Case" debuted at CMGC 2009 show. Clackamette Gem and Mineral Club was the first club to check out the newly available "ABC" mineral case and program. Ten years in the making, Lorna Goebel and team have developed a children's case for use by clubs, children's programs and classrooms (all ages). Popularly called the "ABC Case", the display includes a high quality mineral specimen representing each letter in the alphabet. The NFMS has 4 "ABC" cases that can be checked out by clubs or classroom teachers.

Each case comes with a collection of A-Z minerals for display plus minerals the teacher can keep. It also includes a popular Bingo game with prizes for every child that participates. In addition, there is a CD with classroom curriculum including test questions and a DVD for viewing.

Lorna Goebel was on hand at the Clackamette show to present the case and program on October 24th and 25th. We thank her very much for all her hard work.

**All American Club Awards
by Jim and Libby Spencer**

It is that time again. Even though the All American Club awards were just given out at the NFMS Annual Meeting in Billings, MT, it is never too early to start to prepare for next year.

We think that the All-American Club Award is a wonderful opportunity for clubs to share their exciting activities and achievements. It was established to encourage clubs to share their activities and expertise with other clubs within their respective regions and with the clubs of the America Federation of Mineralogical Societies. It was also meant to provide an organized approach to an historical record of a club's activities, and provide a means for national recognition of these exceptional clubs.

The application for the Award can be downloaded from the AFMS website (www.amfed.org). The application is pretty straightforward and while giving clubs an opportunity to share what they are doing, it is also an opportunity for evaluation, discussion and improvement of club programs. "This is not a competition between clubs, but rather a competition of each club against a 'national standard', established by a committee of judges and regional chairmen. (www.amfed.org)"

The applications for the All American Club Award should be submitted to us by March 15, 2010 for forwarding to the AFMS chairman. This is a good time to get started. Starting now will give your club plenty of time to gather the required information, discuss, assemble and submit your award application.

One final note--neatness counts. Of the total 100 points possible, 15 are attributed to overall format and presentation. You'll want to make sure your submission is neat, well organized and checked for spelling and grammar. Send your completed packet to: Jim and Libby Spencer, PO Box 250, Gladstone, OR 97027. If you have questions, we can be reached at: 503 657 5290 or the_spencers@comcast.net.

COMMENTS, THOUGHTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

America's Red Rock Wilderness Act S. 799 & HR 1925 By John Martin

What are the chances of passing America's Red Rock Wilderness Act in the 111th Congress?

The American's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009 will designate as wilderness certain Federal portions of the red rock canyons of the Colorado Plateau and the Great Basin Deserts in the State of Utah. This bill, if enacted, would designate 9.4 million acres of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Utah as Wilderness.

According to a Congressional Research Service report, 5.7 million BLM acres is nearly 3 times the BLM wilderness recommendations and 75% more than the BLM's Wilderness study acreage. The 5.7 million acres amounted to 26% of all BLM lands in Utah, and 11% of the entire state.

October 1, 2009, the massive Utah Wilderness bill, known as the America's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009, HR 1925, will be heard in the U.S. House of Representatives Natural Resources Committee.

The core of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act remains the same. It still proposes to designate wilderness for BLM public lands in Utah. The areas considered for closure are:

- o Great Basin Areas ~ 2,240,827 acres
- o Zion/Mojave Desert Areas ~ 160,000 acres
- o Grand Staircase-Escalante Areas ~ 1,771,717
- o Moab-LaSal Canyons Areas ~ 256,815 acres
- o Henry Mountains Areas ~ 444,204 acres
- o Glen Canyon Areas ~ 906,446 acres
- o San Juan-Anasazi Areas ~ 520,606 acres
- o Canyonlands Basin Areas ~ 689,884 acres
- o San Rafael Swell Areas ~ 1,098,773 acres
- o Book Cliffs/Uinta Basin Areas ~ 1,015,821 acres

With the expanded Democratic majority in Congress, the chances are the best they've been in over a decade. Returning and new pro-wilderness Members of Congress are in position to move legislation that closes Utah's public lands. At the very least for the 111th Congress, the Utah wilderness champions have been discussing the possibility of Congressional hearings on this legislation in there Levant committees, and more Congressional support makes that important first step to a bill's movement even more likely.

Cosponsors (See below) are important if Utah wilderness faces attack in Congress and with your help we can foster that attack. Should

legislation be introduced that proposed a different Utah wilderness or would otherwise threaten these lands, America's Red Rock Wilderness Act stands as the benchmark for Utah public lands closure legislation that other proposals must help to cancel.

Co-sponsors (See below) reaffirms the national importance of America's Red Rock Wilderness, they are providing support for actions by the Obama administration to develop stronger management policy: By gaining support from Members of Congress from throughout the country, they demonstrate that closing public lands in wild Utah is indeed a national issue that is getting national attention. If we do not take action soon the supporters will work to urge the Obama administration's Interior Department to change the policies, regulations, and guidelines that prevented our public lands from closing under President Bush. We need to proactively pursue a unified effort that keeps Public Lands open for all public use. This is an important compliment to our legislative goals.

Senator Bennett is a new Member of the Public Lands Subcommittee in the Energy and Natural Resources Committee and a contact website is listed below.
<http://www.govtrack.us/congress/person.xpd?id=300007>

We need you to write to Senator Bennett asking him not to support S 799 and that we are in support of his effort in keeping Utah's Public Lands open to all Public Users and not the Special Interest Groups who want to close 9 million Acres for their own usage.

Utah's political representatives need to know that the majority of Utahans and concerned people from all across the United States oppose this bill, and they need to hear it from you. Today please.

Rep. Rob Bishop: 202-225-0453
Rep. Jim Matheson: 202-225-3011
Rep. Jason Chaffetz: 202-225-7751

Be polite. None of Utah's Representatives or Senators supports this madness. If you call now, you can make this bill look like **toxic waste**, so that none of Utah's representatives will ever come near it. Ever. Contact your own state's House Representative and asks them NOT to support S 799, the American's Red Rock Wilderness Act of 2009

The Senate is much more willing than the House to abide by the wishes of home state representatives, so Bennett's new appointment may have a negative impact in Durbin's ability to hold a hearing on the Red Rock bill this Congress. This can work in our favor and give us some time to act.

These are the sponsors of the bill at this time; writing to them is not advised as they are going to be pushing this legislation through the senate. Feel free to contact any of the 80 senators not listed and offer your comments and opinions.

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Additional Comments

by Evan Day,
Utah Director, American Lands Access Assn.

I downloaded S.799 and H.R.1925, and gave them a quick read. The most worrisome feature is the lack of a map showing exactly what is to be set as wilderness areas. The administrative portion of S.799, Sec. 201, references a map from the 111th congress with the Bill number deleted so we can't guess what is proposed. Then goes on to say that AFTER the bill is enacted: THEN the secretary will prepare a map and tell us what the boundaries of each wilderness area will be. Blank Check? Pig-in-a poke?

In any event, I'm familiar with many of the names of the proposed Utah wilderness areas from reading and commenting on the BLM & USFS's Resource Management Plans, particularly the Richfield, UT Field Office plan. It appears ALL of the areas SUWA is proposing in the Richfield Office district are those rejected out of hand by the BLM in their plan. Undoubtedly the same is true throughout the State. There is no question that our access to Rockhounding sites would be severely curtailed,

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if not totally destroyed, by SUWA's bills. My wife and I are of an age where we need motorized access to collecting sites. Besides, Sec.209 withdraws entry and disposition of minerals, so we can't pick up anything anyway.

In Sec. 204, the Dept of the Interior will grab all the water rights in the wilderness areas, regardless of existing downstream prior rights. This is a crucial issue in a desert state with ranching, farming, industry and homesteads dependent on seasonal water.

Thank God, our Utah Senators and Representatives are reasonable people, willing to fight for their constituents. I didn't find that ANY of the co-sponsors of the two bills are from the Rocky Mountains or Desert Southwest. SUWA has only a handful of members from Utah, regardless of the name.



Editor's Corner

By Way of Introduction . . .

Hi, I am Beth Heesacker, your new NFMS Newsletter Editor. I have enjoyed

writing and editing newsletters for a long time and have edited for various groups including a fiber art group that I belong to and a rock club that I no longer belong to. My husband Paul, your NFMS past president, and I have been rockhounds for about 7 years and have rockhounded though most of the western states as we have traveled to fulfill his obligations to the NFMS.

I wish to convey our many thanks to Bryan Schroeder for the many years of service to the NFMS as your editor and I hope to continue his work in developing and improving our newsletter. Since all things must grow and change or will stagnate, you will probably see changes as time goes on in content or layout of the newsletter. I invite your suggestions and comments.

One suggestion that I have already received is to make the print larger when the PDF version of the newsletter is viewed on the computer screen. This is not easily done at my end due to the needs of the printer but this can be easily done by you on your computer. There are three

different ways that can be used by those who need this by looking up on the tool bar in the Adobe Reader. I am using version 9 of the Acrobat Reader so this might be slightly different depend on the version you are using.

Way #1) In the toolbar you should see a small button with a "+" on it. Click on it and you will zoom into the document which will make the type larger. Adjust the width of the window for easy reading.

Way #2) An alternative is to type in a larger number into the rectangular box just to the right of the "+". My version of the Reader opens with 120% in the box. You can type in 200% for example and then adjust the window to make it larger so you can see the whole document.

Way #3) Just to the right of the box with the number in it is a small arrow head pointing down. Click and hold on it. A list of magnifications will show as a drop down box. Drag down to the % you want and again adjust the width of the window for easy reading.

I hope this is clear and helps those of us, myself included, whose eyes are starting to show their years. Of course if you are printing the newsletter out to read it, you will need to use 11x14 inch paper with no "scaling to fit" and a printer that can handle that size paper, if you want the print larger.

Another process that I am instituting is that I hope to send out a reminder email to those regular contributors to the newsletter, such as the officers and chairpersons, on or around the first of the month. The deadline for articles is the 15th of the month so this should give all of them plenty of time to respond. I know as the wife of the past president that time flies and we did not always remember to get his reports in on time. My hope is that this helps increase the flow of information to you, our members.

In closing this introduction I just want to say that I am honored to be your new editor. I invite your input on the content of the newsletter. It is my goal to make this a great source of information on what is happening in the rockhounding communities throughout the US and the world. We can all learn from each other to be better rockhounds, observers and preservers of our beautiful world.

Sincerely,
Beth Heesacker, NFMS Newsletter Editor

PS. My apology if anything sent to the previous editor e-mail address has been left out of this edition. I have not gained access to the email account yet. Please send all newsletter correspondence to my new email: nfmseditor@coho.net. Thank you.

Urgent !



Juniors' Committee Chair Needed

With the retirement of Gary Buhr we are urgently in need of a leader for the Juniors.

We thank Gary for his many years of dedication to the development of a Juniors' program.

If you have a desire to help in this vital role in the NFMS and in the future of our hobby, please contact

Evelyn Cataldo,

ecataldo@cbtabs.com

2009 AFMS/ NFMS SHOW AND CONVENTION FINAL REPORT

By Doug True, Show Chairman

Income:

Dealers -----	25,168.00	
Donations-----	500.00	
Camping -----	2,000.00	
Wood Workshop -----	1,635.00	
Banquet/Lunch/Break --	7,592.00	
Ticket Sales -----	18,005.00	
Program Advertising ---	1,400.00	
Raffle, Pins, Posters ----	3,100.00	
Fieldtrip Donations ----	112.00	
Billings Kids Corner ----	1550.00	
		Remove from total \$1550.00 as not part of Show split (Billings Club Kids Corner)
	\$ 61,062.00	\$59,512.00

Cost/Expenses:

Facility -----	10,150.00
Security -----	1,450.00
Signs-----	1,291.00
Show Programs, Banquet & Editors -----	3,234.00
Pins & Posters (cost) -----	1,248.00
Advertising -----	4,413.00
Table Drapes, Ribbons, wood, clamps etc -----	832.00
Room Comp Will Heriman -----	500.00
Labor (hired) setup/takedown, -----	296.00
Fieldtrip Expenses Porta Poti Rent, Fuel, Food Meat Potluck -----	895.00
Refunds, Banquet, Camping and Dealers -----	3,575.00
Special Exhibit, Food Table (expenses) -----	1,260.00
Fuel and expenses, Trip to Spokane, Wa. And Kalispell, Mt pickup display cases and Montana Council trailer -----	715.00
Banquet, Luncheon, Breakfast Tickets sold for events [21.95] \$7592.	7,614.00
P.A. Purchase, for meetings, + Power point etc.	732.00
Walt Wright, Workshop Fee and Motel -----	1,428.00
Cracker Barrel Event -----	421.00
Phone and Postage Expenses-----	590.00
Projector Bulb (power point unit) replace -----	278.00
Total expenses	\$40,922.00
Income	\$59,512.00
Expenses	40,922.00

Net profit -----\$18,590.00

Northwest Federation share \$9295.00
Less meeting expenses 732.00

\$8563.00 -- Total to be sent to NFMS

With the Live Auction conducted at show the Federation income
from the show was \$11,255.00.



Attention All Editors

Annual SCRIBE Meeting & Editors Get-together



Saturday, January 23, 2010
9:00 AM
Senior Citizen's Center,
Moon Mountain Road
QUARTZSITE, ARIZONA

What Every Editor Needs
Hints, Tips, Handouts, Prizes
Plus Coffee, Donuts and Friendly
Faces!

What More Could You Ask For?

This is also open to people who would like to find what SCRIBE is all
about.

Quartzite Show Schedule

General swap meeting/rocks/gems/arts/crafts
And Hit & Miss Engine Show
January 9 - January 24, 2010

TYSON WELLS ROCK/GEM/MINERAL SHOW
January 1 - January 10, 2010

TYSON WELLS SELL-A-RAMA
January 15 - January 24, 2010

TYSON WELLS ART & CRAFT FAIR
January 29 - February 7, 2010

QUARTZSITE SPORTS, VACATION & RV
SHOW
January 16 - January 24, 2010

ROCK & ROLL CLASSIC CAR SHOW
January 30 - January 31, 2010

HOBBY, CRAFT & GEM SHOW
January 27 - January 31, 2010

43RD ANNUAL POW WOW
January 20 - January 24, 2010

DESERT GARDENS INTERNATIONAL ROCK,
GEM & MINERAL SHOW
January 1 - February 28, 2010

[Editor's note: See

<http://www.ci.quartzsite.az.us/shows/> for more
information.]

Comments, Thoughts & Announcements

Glass Buttes Update

By Tim Fisher

Fellow rockhounds: I received a letter from Emory Coons today. Emory is a friend to rockhounds and an obsidian fanatic who was partners with Bob Mitchell in the 1960s & 70s at his claims at the BLM's Glass Buttes rockhound area and elsewhere. For those of you who don't know of Bob, he worked the large rainbow obsidian mine just past the reservoir on the left side of the road (now filled in) for many years. Emory still has hopes to reopen the famous Burns Green claim that the BLM had decided was not a valid claim when another miner vacated it a few years ago (I hope I have this right!).

Anyway for those of you who don't know the history behind the BLM's decision, it is summed up very well in the first few paragraphs of the letter. Basically, the Careys under the name of Dryfire Obsidian (I'll let you find their website on your own) have for years been claiming that the "fire pits" above the cattle pond at Glass Buttes, among other popular pits near the pond, were on their mining claims that they had inherited from Mitchell. I have personally been there when they have tried to kick people out of the pit, and have had countless emails from and discussions with folks telling me of their behavior at this popular digging site.

Finally, the BLM has decided, because of the protests by Emory and others, that the Careys have in fact been mining well off their claims all along, and to my knowledge have never done any significant mining on the claims themselves.

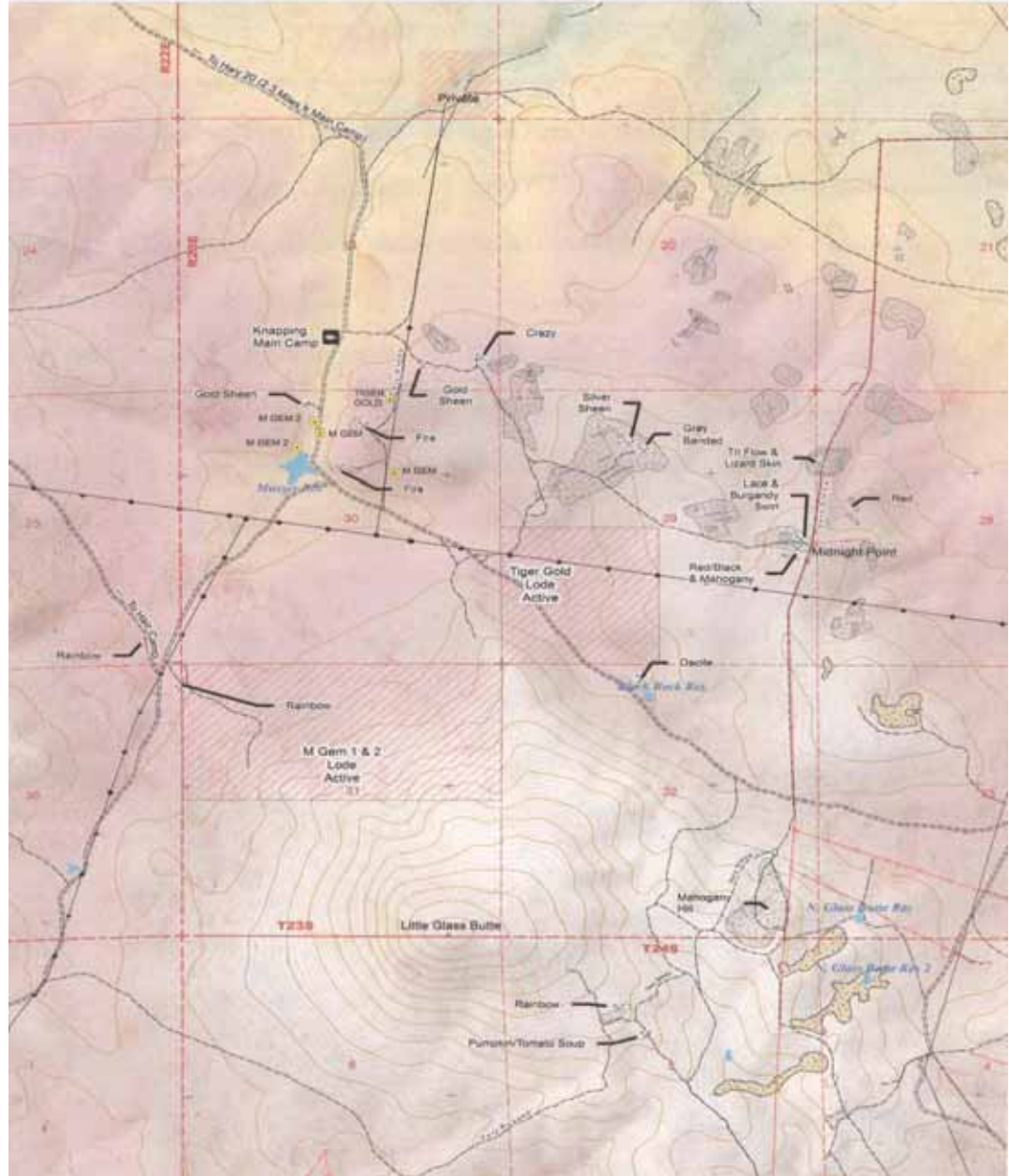
Emory has provided a nice map of the actual claim locations (also attached). The yellow squares around Musser Reservoir are the pits they have been digging all along, and as you can see they are nowhere near Mitchell's (now their) legal claims.

Hopefully their harassment of legitimate rockhound digging at these pits will now stop. I am glad that we finally have had some action against their false claims and harassment, and some support from the BLM, in this matter.

Just a reminder, the limits set by the BLM are 250 lbs. per person per year at Glass Buttes.

[Editor's note: If you check out the newsletter on the internet, you can enlarge the map to see the details - <http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm>]

Glass Buttes Area Mining Claims



Gem Show Calendar



2009 Gem & Mineral Shows



Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
Nov 6-8 Fri 5-9 Sat 10-5 Sun 11-4	Chugach Gem & Mineral Society & Alaska Miners Assoc. 8th Annual Show CGMS' 50 th Anniversary	Sheraton Anchorage Hotel, 2nd floor, 401 E. 6th Ave Anchorage, AL	Anita Williams (awilliam@alaska.net) Sharon Cox (907) 563-9229
Nov 14 Sat 5:30 pm (preview) Sat 7-10 pm (auction)	Columbia Willamette Faceters' Guild 35th Annual Gem & Jewelry Auction	Monarch Hotel 12566 SE 93rd Ave Clackamas, OR	Gail Lough (971) 678-2862 glough7@gmail.com
Nov 13-15 Fri 10-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	South Sound Gem Opal & Mineral 5th Annual Show (BEMS & NOA)	Puyallup Fairgrounds Exposition Hall, Meridian Street S and 9TH Ave SW, Puyallup, WA	Lyle & Char Jorgensen (425) 483-0557 mechanix@comcast.net
Nov 14-15 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-5	Skagit Rock & Gem Club Annual Show "Treasures of the Earth"	Sedro Woolley Community Center, 720 State St. Sedro Woolley, WA	Lois Stone Clear Lake, WA (360) 856-1190
Nov 21-22 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society Show "Fall Festival of Gems"	Kitsap County Fairgrounds 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd. (Pres. Hall), Bremerton, WA	Gerry Alexander (360) 876-4543

2010 Gem & Mineral Shows



Date	Club/Show Name	Show Location	Contact Person
Feb 13-14 Sat 9-5 Sun 9-4	Whidbey Island Gem Club 45th Annual "Sweet-Heart of Gems" Show	Oak Harbor Senior Center 51 S. E. Jerome Street Oak Harbor, WA	Keith Ludemann (360) 675-1837 rock9@whidbey.net
Feb 27-28 Sat 10-7 Sun 10-5	Idaho Gem Club Annual Show	Expo Idaho 5610 Glenwood Boise, ID	Charlie Smith (208) 628-4002
Feb 27-28 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Everett Rock & Gem Club, 57th Annual Gem, Jewelry & Mineral Show	WA National Guard Armory, 2730 Oakes Ave. Everett, WA	Fritz Mack, (425) 232-0809 PO Box 1615, Everett, WA 98206
Mar 6-7 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Owyhee Gen & Mineral Society "Collecting Gems for 2010"	O'Conner Field House 2200 Blaine Caldwell, ID	Carolyn Roberts (208) 466-6191 ncrobertsrp@msn.com
Mar 6-7 Sat 9-5 Sun 10-4	Rock and Arrowhead Club Annual show featuring "Thundereggs"	Klamath County Fairgrounds 3531 South 6 th Street Klamath Falls, OR	Garwin Carlson (541) 882-8276 or Marv Stump 541-882-8341
Mar 12-14 Fri 9-5 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Tualatin Valley Gem Club 52 nd Annual Show "Back Again in 2010"	Washington County Fair Complex 873 NE 34 th Ave Hillsboro, OR	Roy Woo (503) 459-1903 rwoo12648@msn.com
Mar 12-14 Fri 10-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-5	Rock Rollers Club "Earth's Treasures"	Spokane Co. Fair & Expo Ctr N. 604 Havana, at Broadway Spokane, WA	Leon Agee (509) 276-3992 Jim Cotant (509) 534-1746
Mar 13-14 Sat 9-6 Sun 9-6	Magic Valley Gem Club Show ** NEW LOCATION **	Twin Falls Co Fairgrounds Merchant Bldg #3, 215 Fair Ave. Filer, ID	Harold Waggoner (208) 423-9668 or Shirley Metts rmetts@cableone.net
Mar 27-28 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Sweet Home Rock & Mineral Society 62 nd Annual Show	1641 Long Street, Sweet Home, OR	Joe Cota 541- 451 2740
Apr 9-11 Fri 9-6 Sat 10-6 Sun 10-4	Golden Spike Gem and Mineral Society 59th Annual "Gemstone Junction"	Golden Spike Event Center Weber Co. Fairgrounds 1000 North 1200 West Ogden, UT	Cindy 801-648-5060 club@goldenspikegem.org
Apr 17-18 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-4	Lakeside Gem & Mineral Club Annual Show	Benton Co Fairgrounds Kennewick, WA	Mickee Madden (509) 582-8599

