

Magic Valley Gem News

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Next meeting will be

October 20, 2011

7:00 p.m

Location:

We will be back at the Rosenau's Community Room at 2826 Addison Avenue East, Twin Falls. (just west of D&B Supply on the west side of the building)

**Magic Valley Gem Club
61st Annual Gem Show**

March 10 and 11, 2012

Sat 9—6

Sun 10—5

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Presidential Views from the Rockpile . . .

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!

Rockhounds, if you also hunt, please read the message below. It applies to all Forests, even though this is addressing problems in California specifically.

Shirley Leeson, ALAA

Rockhound Activist

shirleyleeson@cox.net



Calling All Sportsmen.

Hunters, Fishermen, and Rockhunters

As hunting season has started and is in full swing, many hunters are expressing surprise at the changes they're finding in our national forests. When traveling to their favorite hunting areas sportsmen are wondering why certain roads are closed, why dispersed camping spots long used and enjoyed by generations of families are no longer accessible, and why parking and big game retrieval is limited to only one car length off a designated road or trail.

Welcome to the effects of the Travel Management Plan.

Travel Management plans started public scoping in most northern and central California forests back in 2005/6, and after years of environmental analysis, decisions that have been made regarding travel on forest dirt roads and trails are finally being enacted. It's a tough realization for many, as sportsmen were not contacted by Forest Service personnel in regards to these analyses, or their input was ignored and disregarded. By calling Travel Management an off-highway vehicle travel plan, many sportsmen did not consider these plans would affect them, or change the fundamental way they enjoy their sport. After all, sportsmen aren't off-roaders...or so they thought. To the surprise of many anyone who travels on a dirt road or trail in a forest or desert is an off-roader.

Whether the Forest Service purposely misled the sporting community, or simply ignored the ramifications that Travel Management would have on hunting and fishing is debatable. What isn't in question is the very real on-the-ground affects now being experienced. Motor Vehicle Use Maps showing the designated roads and trails remaining after Travel Management are flimsy and inaccurate, but in many cases are the only guides sportsmen have to know which roads are open and which are closed.

CORVA has been involved since the very beginning with Travel Management, trying to spread the word far and wide throughout the state about the future ramifications. We realized that Travel Management could have wide-ranging affects on sportsmen, and started working with the California Outdoor Heritage Alliance to spread the word. The CORVA Comments Project held workshops educating enthusiasts, but few sportsmen attended, mostly out of disbelief that this OHV Travel Management Plan had anything to do with them. But the truth is we were outgunned and outmaneuvered by extreme environmental groups, their political ideology dominated the Forest Service and became a critical part of national planning for Travel Management. (continued on page 9, column . . . SPORTSMEN)

EXCHANGE NEWS-LETTERS

If you are interested in exchanging newsletters, please send me a copy of your newsletter and I will return one of ours. My address is: Shirley Metts 550 Main Street South Kimberly, ID 83341 Or electronically to rmetts@cableone.net

No one can make you feel inferior unless you allow them to.

-Eleanor Roosevelt.

WELCOME to all our new members.

We have had many new members joining the Club and we want to take this opportunity to welcome you. We invite you to attend our monthly meetings and go on our field trips. Also, we would ask you to share your expectations of this club and invite you to participate by filling a position and sharing in the activities of the Club.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Education Dave Hughes

Club General Membership Meeting:

Meetings are held the third Thursday of each month at Rosenau’s Community Room, 2826 Addison Ave. E. Twin Falls. (Just west of Kimberly Nurseries and D&B Supply.) Demonstrations/Programs and socializing at 7:00 p.m. Business Meeting at 8:00 pm Exceptions are July and August when we picnic and barbecue at the Kimberly City Park and November - our annual Thanksgiving dinner at a local restaurant.

VISITORS ARE CORDIALLY INVITED!

Membership Dues:

Yearly membership dues for MVGC are \$10.00 for adult members (New members add \$2.00 for name tags) and \$5.00 for Junior members.

For more information or an application, contact Rocky Metts—423-4827 email: rmetts@cableone.net

DUES are due by Oct. 31

General Objectives of the Club:

To promote interest, knowledge and understanding in the various earth sciences, as in Geology, mineralogy, Paleontology and lapidary and other related subjects. To sponsor and provide means of coordinating the work and efforts of all persons interested therein.

Helping Others:

The club participates in the NFMS stamp program, saving large commemoratives, airmail, pre-canceled, foreign and “ordinary” stamps of all values. Proceeds from stamp sales will be used to benefit any charity deemed worthy by the NFMS Endowment Fund.

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Magic Valley Gem Club Field Trips for 2011

Call **Rebekah Yancey** if you have ideas of places you would like to go. Phone: 670-4254

Our Field Marshalls are planning many wonderful trips which will include a few overnights. These will be terrific times for rock hounding and fellowship. They have been asked to provide a **tentative list** of trips. If you have a place you wish to go with the club, please contact the Field Marshalls.

TENTATIVE

<u>DATE</u>	<u>SITE</u>	<u>WHERE TO MEET</u>
October 8, 2011	Dove Springs/Dead Horse Crossing Host: Chris Sutton Phone: 543-5919	Jackson's Country Store Corner on the West end of Buhl—leaving time at 10:00 a.m. 4 wheel drive required. Check facebook before leaving in case roads are impassable. Sunday, Oct. 9 may be an option if enough interest.

***Check on www.magicvalleygemclub.org and/or on Face book at Magic Valley Gem Club to see if there are any changes before any trips..

**IF YOU ARE NOT RECEIVING YOUR
NFMS NEWS CONTACT:
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Tom Burchard at:
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**We are beginning to fill positions for the
show in March. If there is an area
where you wish to work, would you please
call me, Shirley Metts, at 423-4827 and
let me know what you would like to do.**

- October Birthdays**
- 1 Bill Satterfield
 - 3 Tom Allen
 - 7 Alice Clements
 - 12 Helen Dombrovskis
 - 16 Andrew Humphries
 - 16 Carl Transue
 - 17 Elley Folks
 - 18 Steve McAhrens
 - 19 Steve Barnes
 - 25 Perry Waggoner
 - 27 Ruth Allen
 - 30 Vic Dombrovskis



- October Anniversaries**
- 4 Tom and Ruth Allen
 - 21 Scott and Wendy Pufahl
 - 21 Steve and Ann Rigby
 - 29 Wayne and Jala Huft
 - 31 Dave and Ruth Hughes

DUES ARE DUE

DUES ARE DUE NOW!!

DUES ARE DUE

**Please pay dues by
October 31.**

**Get form from Shirley with your infor-
mation to make certain it is correct.**

October

**Lola Betty is the club Sunshine lady. Her
job is to send some cheer to members who
are ill or just need some cheering up. If you
know someone who has recently been ill, let her
know so she can send them a card.
Lola's phone number is 423-9764.**

I just received this on Thursday morning— but thought it good information for you all to see what is happening. NOT GOOD!!!!

Last minute information! Read and be aware. Too late for us to go. Kay

-----Original Message-----

From: American Landrights [\[mailto:noreply@maillist.landrights.org\]](mailto:noreply@maillist.landrights.org)

Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 1:55 PM

To: berry@relia.net

Subject: Call your friends, neighbors now, Salazar In Moab Today at 4:30 pm

URGENT NEWS!

September 27, 2011

Secretary Salazar to hold a public meeting in Moab Today Wednesday Sept 28!!

Sorry for the short notice, but it seems either Mr. Salazar has made a last minute change to his schedule or they are trying to keep us in the dark...even Utah's congressional delegation wasn't made aware of this until late this afternoon. UNACCEPTABLE!

The enviros had greater advanced notice about this and we smell a rat. We are concerned about what the feds and SUWA might be cooking up. SUWA plans to be to the meeting in force and compel the Secretary to take more action to close more places to OHVs.

Read the release below for all details. Look at the date. They hid this from you until the last minute.

Please spread the word and make it if you can. USA-ALL will have one of our board members there, Dave Cozzens, to represent us well.

Department of Interior BLM Press Release

Date: September 27, 2011

Contact: Adam Fetcher (DOI)

202-208-6416 Russ von Koch (BLM)

435-259-2118

Salazar to Discuss Conservation and Backcountry Recreation in Moab Highlight Economic Benefits of Public Lands

MOAB, Utah-On Wednesday, Sept. 28, Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar will join Moab community leaders and outdoor recreation stakeholders for a conversation on the importance of conservation and outdoor recreation in creating jobs and building strong local economies across America.

During the visit, the Secretary will hear about locally-driven conservation initiatives taking place on public lands in Utah and learn how the Department can better support them. Prior to the discussion, Salazar will visit the Mill Creek Can-

yon Wilderness Study Area (WSA) to learn firsthand about recommendations to preserve unique recreational and wilderness values of certain areas, such as Mill Creek, through potential Congressional action.

In June, Secretary Salazar directed Deputy Secretary David J. Hayes to solicit input from members of Congress, state and local officials, tribes and federal land managers to identify lands that may be appropriate candidates for Congressional protection under the Wilderness Act. Hayes will deliver a report to the Secretary and Congress regarding those areas that the Department believes can be the basis for a bipartisan wilderness agenda that can be enacted in the 112 th Congress.

WHO: Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Interior Jeffrey "Rock" Smith, Bureau of Land Management Regional Office Manager

WHAT: Conversation about Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, and Job Creation

WHEN: Wednesday, September 28, 2011 4:30 p.m. MDT

Conversation about Outdoor Recreation, Conservation, and Job Creation

WHERE: Location: Moab Adventure Center225 South Main Street Moab, UT 84532

Again sorry for the short notice but we also had almost no notice on this...lets try to get a good turnout even though they have tried to prevent it!

Sincerely,

Michael Swenson

Utah Shared Access Alliance

-----Please forward this message as widely as possible. The more people who get this document the better chance you have to compete with the greens.

Thank you for your help.

Chuck Cushman

Executive Director

American Land Rights Association

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Info from Kay Berry—Golden Spike Club



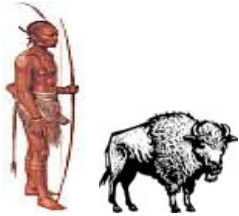
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Any time there is an activity or a field trip, please check the web page to see if there are any final instructions.

magicvalleygemclub.org and/or on Face book

Indian Wanting Coffee:

An Indian walks into a cafe with a shotgun
 In one hand pulling a male buffalo with the other.
 He says to the waiter:



"Want coffee."

The waiter says, "Sure. Coming right up."

He gets the Indian a tall mug of coffee.....
 The Indian drinks the coffee down in one gulp,
 Turns and blasts the buffalo with the shotgun,
 Causing parts of the animal to splatter everywhere
 And then just walks out.

The next morning the Indian returns.
 He has his shotgun in one hand, pulling
 Another male buffalo with the other.
 He walks up to the counter and says to
 The waiter



"Want coffee."



The waiter says "Whoa!
 We're still cleaning up your mess from yesterday.
 What was all that about, anyway?"

The Indian smiles and proudly says,



"Training for position in

United States Congress:
 Come in, drink coffee, shoot the bull,
 Leave shit for others to clean up,
 Disappear for rest of day."

(This was sent in by Vic and Helen.)

Minutes for the September 15, 2011, meeting of the Magic Valley Gem Club. Called to order at 8:00 p.m. by President Rocky Metts. Introduction of guests" Kim MacDonald, Josie MacDonald, Gabriel MacDonald, Jolynne MacDonald, and Sam Cnosn - first readings.

Minutes of August meeting were approved as written in the Gem Club News. Minutes for September.

Secretary: not here

Secretary — not here, Shirley is subbing

Treasurer—available with final budget numbers .

Club training—Schools have started—take letter to schools and let schools know what we are offering them.

Will have a letter ready next other for you to carry to the principals of the schools in your area. Earl has volunteered to be the trainer for the Cassia area; Harold for the Twin Falls Area, and Dave Hughes for the Wood River Valley area. We still need some trainers to volunteer. Call Dave if you wish to help at 886-2014.

Federation Director: nothing

Historian—no report

Librarian—have listing of library materials available.

Show chairman— need donation of rock related material—Silent Auction, Wheel of Fortune, Grab Bags, Rock Jars and sand dig.

Safety—stay alert when driving.

Dick—need 125 pounds of tumbled rock person donating the most rock gets to choose prize . Thousand Springs Art Show is September 24 and 25.

PLAC—non mechanized vehicles in the Carey area.

ALAA—contact congressmen—tell them how you feel about loss of roads. If stopped by BLM or Forest Service official be polite, get his badge number, and name and give it to the BLM office when you speak with them. (continued on page

Read Doug True's letter

Read and discussed Doug True's letter. Send all

Read Doug True's letter. And discussed some of the results in our area. She picked up packets so we could have it at the meeting to look at regarding road closures in the Carey area. .

Caves on federal lands—act requires you to remove nothing from a cave.

Field trip meet at 9:00 a.m. at gates to Little Wood River reservoir

Nominees for office are as follows: President, Rocky Metts; Vice-President, Dave Hughes; Secretary, Wilma Sellers; Treasurer, Susan Lewis; Bulletin Editor, Shirley Metts; Federation Director, Barbra Livingston; Field Marshall, DeVone Bates; Show Chairman, Shirley Metts

Harold reported on Show Trailer, Shirley We will be doing the sand dig. Shirley will have demo of sand dig in October.

Door Prize was donated by Dick Morris and won by Tyler Hansen.

Meeting was adjourned about 9:15 pm.



NFMS Member Club—Gem and Minerals Show Calendar			
October 7 - 9 Fri 10 - 5, Sat 10 - 5 Sun 10 - 2:30	Clallam County Gem & Mineral Association (CCGMA)	Boys & Girls Club, 400 West Fir Street Sequim, WA	Terry Stockman, terlin@wavecable.com PO Box 98 Sequim, WA 98382 or Foster Thompson fostert@olypen.com
October 8 - 9 Sat 10-5 Sun 10-5	Marysville Rock and Gem Club	Totem Middle School Cafeteria, 7th Street & State Avenue, Marysville, WA	Bill Moser 425 238 8222 billjj@comcast.net or George Haage 425-339-2272 haag@frontier.com
October 8 - 9 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 4	Billings Gem & Mineral Club	Billings Hotel & Convention Center, 1123 Mallowney Lane, Billings MT	Lynn Edwards 406 855 3675 bentlyn77@yahoo.com
October 15 Sat - 9 - 4	Eureka Rock and Gem Club	Senior Citizen Center, 1000 North 3rd East Mountain Home, ID	Margaret Stallknecht 208 740 0937 mestallknecht@yahoo.com
October 15 - 16 Sat 10 - 6, Sun 10 - 5	Hells Canyon Gem Club	Nez Perce County Fairgrounds 1229 Burrell Avenue, Lewiston, ID 83501	Rick Westerholm 208 746 2101 PO Box 365 Lewiston ID 83501
October 22 - 23 Sat 9 - 6, Sun 10 - 5 @	Clackamette Mineral & Gem "Rock & Gem Heaven in 2011"	Clackamas County Fairgrounds 694 NE 4th Avenue, Canby OR 97013	Rick Mauer 503 691 6395 tallerricardo@juno.com or Bea Settle 503 631 3128 rock-clackamettegem.org hound
October 22 - 23 Sat 10 - 5, Sun 10 - 5	Bellevue Rock Club et	Vasa Park, 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd SE, Bellevue, WA. Take Exit 13 off I-90, 1 mile north	Bruce Himko, PO Box 1851 Bellevue, WA 98009-1851 Bellevuerockclub@comcast.n www.bellevuerockclub.org

SILVERSMITHING CLASS

We're getting ready to set up another class for silver smithing. I know longer have the list and Rocky and I are helping Dave Z. get this section going.

The first session of the Silver smithing class will be held: on Saturday, October 15, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. At this first session you as a class will choose when you meet again.

The first 6 people to call Shirley Metts about attending the class will be able to take the class. Shirley will tell you where the class will meet.

Please bring any silver smithing tools that you have, a cab, and/or silver or be prepared to buy some from Ruth - If you want—at a cost of approximately \$20 for the class.

Call Shirley Metts at 423-4827 if you wish to attend this class.



October Birthstone is the Opal
 Birthstone Color is multi-colored

October's birthstone treats the eye to an explosion of shimmering colors, not unlike those of a magnificent rainbow following a summer rain. The Opal derives its name from the Latin work "opalus," meaning precious jewel. Prized for its unique ability to refract and reflect specific wavelengths of light, the Opal was called "Cupid Paederos," by the Roman, meaning a child beautiful as love. One legendary explanation for this gemstone's origin is that it fell from heaven in a flash of fiery lightning.

Ancient monarchs treasured Opals, both for their beauty and for their presumed protective powers. They were set into crowns and worn in necklaces to ward off evil and to protect the eyesight. These gemstones were also ground and ingested for their healing properties and to ward off nightmares/

The Opal dates back to prehistoric times. It is a non-crystallized silica, which is a mineral found near the earth's surface in areas where ancient geothermal hot springs once existed. As the hot spring dried up, layers of the silica, combined with water, were deposited into the cracks and cavities of the bedrock, forming Opal. This gemstone actually contains up to 30% water, so it will cause drying and may lead to cracking and loss of iridescence. Opal must also be guarded from blows, since it is relatively soft and breaks easily.

Most of the world's Opal deposits are found in South Australia. Other sources of this gemstone are Brazil, Mexico, Czechoslovakia and Nevada. Quality Opal is very expensive, made more so by the caution that must be exercised in cutting, polishing and setting into jewelry.

A gift of Opal is symbolic of faithfulness and confidence. And the powerful energy radiating from this fiery gemstone will surely illuminate any occasion. (From www.about-birthstones.com)



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WE NEED YOU AS A SCHOOL PRESENTER!!

If you are hesitant about going into the schools to do a presentation—don't be. The kids love it and you cannot imagine the fun. You will be given a tub containing rocks and gemstones and a script to follow until you become familiar with the presentation. And the rewards to yourself are unimaginable.

Contact Dave Hughes at 886-2014 or 316-6723

ARTICLES FOR NEWSLETTER

If you send me articles that you would like to have printed in the newsletter, please state specifically that they are for the newsletter. I will be glad to include them, providing there is space available in that issue. I may need to modify them to fit into the space available.

Copyright laws prohibit the inclusion of any submissions which are not your own unless written permission is obtained and then credit is given to the author and source is stated.

STAMPS

Please save your postage stamps to donate to the federation. Stamps are sold and the proceeds donated to Cancer Research. Please leave a margin of at least 1/2 inch around the stamp only. Do not save the postmark when you cut it from the envelope. You can turn them in at our next meeting to Barbra Livingston—our Federation Director

DUES NEED TO BE SUBMITTED BY OCTOBER 31 SO WE CAN GET THEM READY TO SEND TO THE FEDERATION. THE FEDERATION ALSO WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU ARE WILLING TO RECEIVE YOUR NORTHWEST FEDERATION NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL TO HELP SAVE ON COSTS. .

INFO FROM JUDITH ALLISON, NFMS PRESIDENT

The second thing I want to bring up this month is the Junior FRA (Future Rockhounds of America) Program. This program is an example of dedication through volunteerism. Many clubs in the Federation have taken advantage of this fantastic resource, but I am not certain if those not directly involved with the Junior members realize its enormity. I had the opportunity to meet Jim Brace-Thompson, the AFMS Junior Leader who developed, administers and continues to add to the program, at the AFMS Show in Syracuse this July. There is a 159-page manual that gives all the information needed for Juniors to successfully earn the 15 badges now available along with the FRA patch and the possibility of a Rockhound Badge. Jim is also working on developing activities for an additional 5 badges due out in 2012. I must admit, I hadn't previously looked too extensively at the program, but in revisiting the manual, I believe we will use some of the activities as ideas for planning our calendar for 2012. Even though we only have a couple of Junior members in our club, this way they can take part and be working on a badge at the same time. The manual is available for viewing or downloading (if you want to print 159 pages) at the web address below.

http://amfed.org/fra/AFMS_FRA_Badge_Manual_Revised_2009_03.pdf

I encourage you to at least take a look at it and see the effort and dedication that has gone into this project-For the children-For the Federation-FOR FREE-to all members of Societies who belong to the AFMS. The NFMS is included in that mix, so here is just one more thing that "the Federation does for you".

Because the program is free, in order to keep costs at a minimum, leaders are asked to only order badges as Juniors earn them. I have spoken with a few older people, (because you must admit a lot of us grandparents are the rockhound influence in the children's lives)-and they are a bit frustrated when asked to do things on the computer such as getting the form to complete for the child to earn the badge. Some are a bit shy, and computer savvy is not even on their long list let alone their short list. So if you are a member or Junior Leader who has the computer knowledge, please make sure to ask some of the "more seasoned folks" who may be helping their grandchildren if they, in turn, would like some help with the technological end of the process. And, let's all keep the fun and enthusiasm going in the next generation. Til next month. . . (from NFMS Newsletter, October 2011)

2011—MVGC Refreshment List

You are expected to bring dessert or snacks and punch. Please work together with the other people for the month you are scheduled.

Questions or need help?

Call Sandy Hansen at

736-3380

October

7:00 p.m

Please call Sandy to pick your date to bring refreshments!!

We will be at Rosenau's Community Room in October

ILLNESS

Pat Ziegler has been in the hospital since October 15. She has been very ill – she had a kidney stone that wouldn't pass so the doctor did surgery and something went wrong. She was in a coma for 8 days. She has regained consciousness but is still very weak. Cards would be appreciated—but if you go to visit her or call her—please keep in mind that she has been very ill and keep your visits short until she gets stronger.

United States Representative

Mike Simpson

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WE ARE DEEPLY SADDENED BY THE LOSS OF TWO OF OUR CLUB MEMBERS IN SEPTEMBER.



George Elmer Jackway, 80, of Twin Falls, passed away at this home on Sunday, Sept. 18, 2011. He was born July 3, 1931, in Twin Falls. He attended schools in Twin Falls and Idaho State University graduating with a BA degree in 1953. George then went into the Naval Reserve and was on active duty from 1953 to 1955. George came back from the war with an honorable discharge and then went on to University of Kansas where he gained an MS in Zoology. He then went

On to Nebraska for his Ph.D. from Nebraska in zoology and anatomy with a minor in geology. George taught at California State University. In 2008 George moved back to Twin Falls.

George joined our Gem Club this past year—and also donated the large lava rock Idaho sign that we use at the show.

George's funeral was on Friday, Sept, 23rd. Surviving Gorge is his long-time friend, Amado Mario Gauna. George was the gentleman who came occasionally. George was in a wheelchair.

Dr. Carl F. Austin passed away on Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Cassia Regional Medical Center. His death came as a shock. He will be greatly missed. Carl was born on July 18, 1932 in Oakland California. He received his AA from California, and his B.S., M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Utah. He met his wife and lifelong



sweetheart Barbara at the UofU on a blind date. They were married on September 18, 1953/ After College they moved to Socorro, New Mexico. Carl spent 30 years as a civilian scientist for the U.S. Navy. During his years of Navy work Carl traveled all over the world as a weapons, shape charge, and underground fortifications expert. He also performed work for the US Army, US Marines, US Air Force, NATO, and several foreign governments. He retired to Idaho where he ran his third ranch south of Oakley. He also continued with geothermal consulting for companies throughout the western United States and Canada. He took great pride in his ranch, his family, and the people of Southern Idaho. He

was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He is survived by his wife Barbara, 2 children, 9 grandchildren and one great-grandchild (soon to be two). Carl's funeral was held on Tuesday Sept. 27, 2011.

Listening to the funeral speakers it was obvious that Carl was greatly loved by his family and friends. He was Statesman, Seeker of knowledge and truth and defender of truth. He has been a member of the Magic Valley Gem Club for many, many years.

MAGIC VALLEY GEM CLUB SHOW

March 10 and 11, 2012

Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, Idaho

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Their stated goals have always included targeting all dirt roads and trails for closure.

Now that we know Travel Management affects anyone who uses a dirt road or trail in a forest for access, here are a few ground rules for sportsmen:

1. Before you head out to the forest on your hunting trip, call the Forest Supervisor's or District Ranger's office and ask about travel restrictions. Don't be surprised if the person answering the phone has no idea what you're asking, be persistent and ask for a recreation coordinator or Travel Management team leader.
2. Go to the forest website and download the Motor Vehicle Use Map. Many times downloaded maps will have more detail than the maps available at the office.
3. If confronted by a Law Enforcement Officer in the forest, stay calm and be polite. In all the forests except for the Eldorado, this first year officers should be educating the public about changes in designations, and about the loss of hundreds of dispersed camping spots. Please document any instances of bias or misuse of power by Law Enforcement Officers, CORVA has coordinated with the Forest Service to form a task force dedicated to investigating and reducing bias against motorized enthusiasts. Send all documentation, including when, where and badge number to amy.granat@corva.org.
4. Be prepared to pack out your game without using an off-road vehicle or truck. The restrictions on traveling more than one car length off the roads are illogical, but until we can bring more pressure to bear on the Forest Service to rescind this rule, we have to follow the rule or face federal fines.
5. Be aware that most forests have some sort of seasonal closure. Ask at the office, or look on the website and make sure you know when the forest is scheduled to close down for the winter. In many cases, these closures will curtail hunting seasons. Express your displeasure to your friends, but not at Forest Service personnel. These rules were decided by regional and national officials, in some cases local personnel are not in favor of these restrictions.

Above all, be aware that CORVA, and many on-the-ground groups are trying to work within the system to challenge these restrictions. More than anything else, these hard-working folks are dedicated to regaining access to the forest for you, and future generations. To this end, Sierra Access Coalition, along with Plumas County and CORVA are preparing to file a lawsuit against the Plumas National Forest challenging the Forest Service in court over the decisions made during Travel Management. Although we are filing suit against one forest, all the forests in California will be affected if our charges are held up in court. We are defending traditional American sporting activities, and in return we need you to support our lawsuit. This legal effort will be funded by the hard-working Americans most affected by Travel Management, and every single dollar helps us achieve our goals.

CORVA supports sportsmen and supports access to hunting and fishing areas, as well as off-road areas. No matter what the size of the tire, green-sticker or street legal, we're all looking for the same thing, access to our public lands.

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CODE OF ETHICS

- I will respect both private and public property and will do on collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found..
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material—matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rock hound project H.E.L.P (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, the Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the “Golden Rule”, will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature

**Remember the tumbled rocks for the Show. Dick is giving a prize again for the person tumbling the most rock.
Good Luck!**

We also need tiny stones for the sand table—smaller than the end of a pencil eraser.

Dave Hughes still needs rocks for the educational presentations for



**DO YOU REALIZE THAT OUR SHOW IS
ONLY 5-1/2 MONTHS AWAY?**

We need items for the:

**Wheel of Fortune-1
ROCKS—Wheel OF FORTUNE—2,
Silent Auction,
Grab Bags,
Door Prizes**

Magic Valley Gem Show

March 10 and 11, 2012

**Twin Falls County Fairgrounds —
Filer, Idaho**

**WE NEED ALL CLUB MEMBERS TO
HELP!!!**

We are now able to send the Magic Valley Gem News via e-mail. If you are not already receiving the newsletter via email and are willing to, please email me at rmetts@cableone.net. Help us save some money on mailings. Thank you. Shirley

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