

Magic Valley Gem News

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Magic Valley Gem News — September, 2011

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Next meeting will be

September 15, 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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THAN EVER!**

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Presidential Views from the Rockpile . . .

Greetings fellow members, I hope you have had a great summer and are ready to join us back at the regular meeting place on Addison Ave. East for Septembers meeting.

We are looking for a few replacement volunteers in the Executive committee and will entertain nominations for all positions. The Treasurer, Field Marshal, Federation Director, and Vice President positions will need filling for the coming year.

Contact Bob Sellers our nomination Chairman at 829-5068. I wish to thank all those whom have served and continue to serve the Club, your service is greatly appreciated.

There are also several other non-Executive positions which are also needing filled at this time. Please contact Rocky Metts at 423-4827 if you are willing to spare some time to serve your Club.

There are several articles in this issue which will require your reading and taking actions. First the Shoshone BLM District Public Action Land Use Plan and review.

You need to attend: numbers and your views count, others of the view that all public lands should be locked up, charged to see, charged to drive in, charged to remove anything, fees required for even thinking about being on public lands and they are intent on taking away public access one way or the other. Look at what is occurring in the Owyhee Canyon Lands many roads which were not closed are now having access denied by conservation groups purchasing private lands and closing roads in the name of preservation. There are well-funded groups of individuals and radical conservationists who, once a land closure occurs will immediately start pushing for adjacent lands to either be included or they purchase such private lands as they can to deny the general public access to public lands by any means other than by foot. They will not rest until it is not possible to access any public lands at any time by anyone but themselves. This may sound stupid or over the top until you visit their web sites and read their goals and purposes. One such goal is to have several natural corridors from Canada to Mexico where man is not allowed or is restricted to access, all in the name of wildlife's ability to intermix and have a larger intermixing within species. In their minds this requires the elimination of all man made vehicles and restricted numbers of people.

We must make our voices heard, loud and clear, and in numbers which will make the government land agencies understand that multiple use of our public lands is important to use. Please attend these meetings and use your voices. However, be prepared to show just where you require access and why. The Shoshone District is a very rich mineral resource we use for our hobby and much of the Lands in question cover Carey and the Big and Little Wood River areas. Please do your part,

Thank you.

Rocky Metts, Your President email: rmetts@cableone.net

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



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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Asst Field Marshall Sandy Hansen
Asst Field Marshall Jim Glenn
Asst Field Marshall Rex Borjas
Service Mel Pingel
Nominations Chmn Bob Sellers
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. Club Stamp Specialist—Barbrah Livingston

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- Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Association
- American Federation of Mineralogical Societies
- The American Lands Access Association

Visit Us At www.magicvalleygemclub.org or on Facebook at Magic Valley Gem Club

Please e-mail Shirley at rmetts@cableone.net to get on our email list.

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

DATE	SITE	WHERE TO MEET
September 17- 18, 2011	Little Wood Reservoir Host: Jon Cromer	Petrified Wood, Jasper, Agate
October ??, 2011	Dove Springs/Dead Horse Crossing Host: Chris Sutton	

***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
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NFMS Circulation Chairman

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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 Shirley Metts at 423-4827 and let
me know what you would like to do.**

The September Field Trip is to
(possibly)
The **FIELD TRIP** Little **FIELD TRIP**
Wood
Reservoir on
September 17-18.
Call Rebekah Yancey—670-4254
for information.

**IF YOU FIND YOURSELF IN A HOLE,
THE FIRST THING TO DO IS STOP DIGGIN'.**

<u>September Birthdays</u>	<u>September Anniversaries</u>
06 Chris Funk	2 Ardean & Janice Lang
08 Shirley Clark	3 David Weeks
11 Tyler Hansen	6 Ralph Garrison
20 Susan Loertscher	18 Barbara & Carl Austin
27 Charlie Knapp	23 Brian & Jody Borjas
28 Jala Huft	
28 Mickey Tanner	
30 Randy Perkins	

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The Magic Valley Gem Club members wish to offer their condolences to Bonnie and Joe Kent on the loss of their son.

Idaho Falls Gem and Mineral Society

Presents

ROCKHOUNDS' ROCK, GEM AND JEWELRY SALE

Saturday, August 27, 2011

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

4 H Fair Grounds

2925 Rollandet Avenue

Idaho Falls, ID

Featuring

Gems and Related Items

for Sale

- Handcrafted Items
- Cut and Tumbled Stones
- Finished Jewelry
- Rough Gemstone Material
- Jewelry-Making Supplies
- Rocks and Slabs

Displays and

Demonstrations

- Gemstone Cutting
- Wire Wrap Jewelry Making
- Gemstone Science Display
- Rock Carving

Free Admission

Food Vendor Onsite

Hello Everyone,

In the interest of keeping visible during my tenure as President of NFMS, I am hoping to send the clubs a monthly email, hopefully with information you can take to your membership to share. I have compiled the list using the contact names in the directory. If there is someone other than you who should receive the information, please let me know.

I found the attached information on the North Idaho's web site in a newsletter. I felt the graphic aspect would be good to share. It surely shows in a very visible format yet another reason why membership by your club or individuals in ALAA can be so important. ALAA is stand along, but, with our support, perhaps we can save the remaining land for our future use.

Til next time

Judi Allison (see page 8 for map)

TRAVEL PLANNING BEGINS IN SHOSHONE AREA

SHOSHONE, ID—The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Shoshone Field Office is beginning the development of a travel management plan. (TMP) for all BLM-managed public land north of Highway 20 within the Shoshone Field Office. The western edge of the planning area is bounded by Chimney Rock and the east by and Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve/Fish Creek.

A TMP is a comprehensive approach to travel and transportation planning for a wide variety of uses (including uses for recreational, traditional, authorized, commercial, educational and other purposes), as well as all forms of motorized and non-motorized access or use, such as foot, pack stock or animal-assisted travel, mountain bike, off-highway vehicle and other forms of transportation.

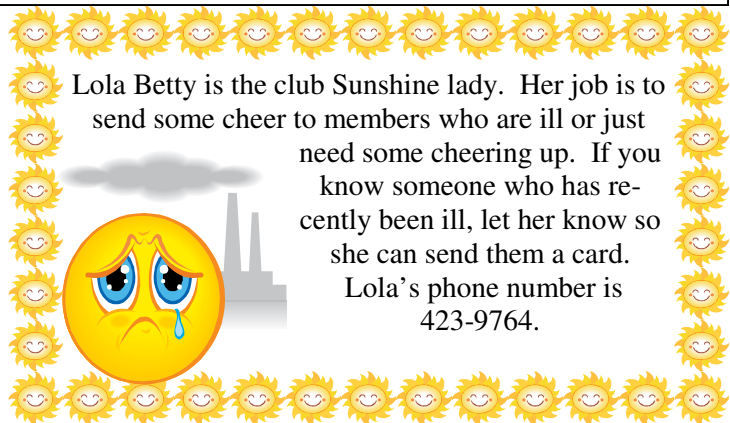
This effort expands upon the Blaine County Commissioners Recreation and Travel Plan recommendations for the Wood River Valley and will address summer and winter travel.

If you are interested in participating or learning more about the TMP process, there will be a series of open house meetings held in the following locations:

- ⇒ August 22, 6:30–7:30 pm, Hailey, Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Rd., Room 301 & 302

(continued on page 9–Shoshone)

Sapphire is the birthstone of September. It brings physical and emotional balance. Alternative birthstone is: Agate. Sapphire is also the gemstone given for the anniversaries of the 5th and 45th years of marriage. It is taken from the Greek word for blue, “sapphires”, and have a honored tradition with priests (who considered them symbolic for purity) and kings (who considered them symbolic for wisdom). Sapphires, like rubies are a variety of corundum. The sapphire’s color spectrum includes pink and lavender varieties, a rare orange hue, and of course, the velvety blue sapphire that earned the stone its name. Because of the way corundum crystals are formed, large sapphires are rare and valuable. Sapphires earned the name of being an all-purpose medicine and were ingested as an antidote to poison. They were ground into powders as a remedy for everything from colic to rheumatism and mental illness.



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.

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

Someone has written these beautiful words. Read and try to understand the deep meaning of them. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

1. Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout.
2. So a Car’s WINDSHIELD is so large and the Rear view Mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, Look Ahead and Move on.
3. Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If going well, enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong, don’t worry, they can’t last long either.
5. Old Friends are Gold! New Friends are Diamond! If you get a Diamond, don’t forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a Base of Gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, “Relax, sweetheart, it’s just a bend, not the end!
7. When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn’t solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked a saint, “Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?” He replied, “Yes, losing your vision!”
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them, and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. WORRYING does not take away tomorrow’s TROUBLES, it takes away today’s PEACE.

AMAZING, SIMPLE HOME REMEDIES:

1. Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.
2. Avoid arguments with the females about lifting the toilet seat by using the sink.
3. For high bloods pressure sufferers—simply cu yourself and bleed for a few minutes, thus reducing the pressure on your veins. Remember to use a timer.
4. A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.
5. If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives, then you’ll be afraid to cough.
6. You only need two tools in life—WD-40 and duct tape. If it doesn’t move and should, use the WD-40. If it shouldn’t move and does, use the duct tape.
7. If you can’t fix it with a hemmer, you’ve got an electrical problem.

Check out:

magicvalleygemclub.org

on the internet. If you have requests or think you would like to see something on the site, talk to President Rocky Metts and if it is feasible, he will talk to the site administrator to see if he can do it.

FACEBOOK PAGE

Find us on Face book.

Magic Valley Gem Club

Rebekah Yancey — 670-4254

Sandy Hansen — 736-3380

Administrators

Minutes for August 18, 2011 Gem Club Barbecue and Picnic. Evening began with a blessing on the food by Lola Betty Then pandemonium while everyone visited and got their plates and tummy's full. After a wonderful meal 9barbecue by DAVE HUGHES) we had a short meeting.

Field trip for September to Succor Creek has been changed - we will possibly be going to Little Wood Reservoir instead. Stay tuned to Facebook for further details.

The new show trailer was brought by Harold for inspection. Need for new members to volunteer for leadership positions.

Dick provided information regarding the Idaho Falls Sale on August 27 (see page)

Shirley reported on the ALAA information regarding the Shoshone BLM Travel Plan. See pages 4 and 9 for meetings and times.

Shirley showed sizes of rocks needed for Educational kits for Dave and for the Sand Dig at the show for Chris. Door prize provided by Rocky won by Judy Morris. Meeting adjourned.

READING THE
NORTHWEST NEWSLETTER
ON THE INTERNET

The economy is hard on all of us and trying to be a bit "greener" so we are attempting to put together a way to save some of the costs of postage and printing for the Northwest Newsletter. If you would like to read your Northwest Newsletter on the web here is what you can do.

First, notify Tom Burchard, Circulation Chairperson (Roxhund@aol.com) that you do not wish to have the Northwest Newsletter mailed to you via the US Postal Service. Then you have two options:

- 1) Go and check on the internet usually yourself sometime after the 20th of the month to see if the Northwest Newsletter has been placed on the NFMS web site. (<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newslet2.htm>)
- 2) Appoint someone in your club as a contact person and notify the NFMS webmaster who that person is and their email address. That person collects the email addresses of those in their club who wish to be notified of the posting on the internet. As soon as the NFMS webmaster has received and posted the Northwest Newsletter on the website he will notify your contact person. That contact person will email you to let you know it has been posted so you can go and read it or as an option can download and then email the newsletter to his/her list.

*** From NFMS Newsletter, August, 2011, page 7)

PUBLIC LANDS (continued from page 7)

DID YOU KNOW In Idaho the BLM administers approximately 36.5 million subsurface acres in Idaho and mining claim records and mineral leases on lands managed by other Federal agencies.

Minerals in the Federal estate are categorized as leasable, salable, or locatable. Each classification is administered somewhat differently and may have different requirements for acquisition, exploration, and development.

Leasable minerals are explored-for and developed in accordance with the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, other leasing acts and BLM regulations. These include energy-related mineral resources such as oil, natural gas, coal, and geothermal, and some non-energy minerals, such as phosphate, sodium, potassium, and sulfur.

Salable minerals, or mineral materials, are common varieties of minerals and building materials such as sand, stone, gravel, pumice, pumicite, cinders, and clay. The BLM manages salable minerals under the Materials Act of 1947, as amended, and implementing regulations (43 CFR 3600), which authorize disposal either through a contract of sale or a free use permit.

Generally, salable minerals are widespread, of low unit value, and are often used for construction or landscaping materials. Their value depends largely on market factors, quality of the material, availability of transportation, and transportation costs.

Locatable minerals are any minerals not leasable or salable, and are managed under the General Mining Law of 1872 and BLM regulations (43 CFR 3700 and 3800). Typical locatable minerals are gold, silver, copper, gemstones, lead, zinc, barite, gypsum, and certain varieties of high calcium limestone. Molybdenum — found in large quantities near Challis — is also locatable.

The 1872 Mining Law grants U.S. citizens the right to prospect, explore, and develop these minerals on public domain lands that have not been "withdrawn" from mineral entry by Congress or the Secretary of the Interior.

Rockhounding — collecting rocks, mineral specimens, gemstones, or petrified wood — is considered a casual use of public lands under most circumstances.

***** FYI *****

National Public Lands Day ----- Date: Sep 24, 2011

NPLD is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy. In 2010, 170,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, removed trash and invasive plants, planted trees and restored our water resources.

(This article is from the NFMS August 2011 Newsletter, page 7)



SHOW INFORMATION:

Dealer contracts will go out in July (or early August)..
Enlarged Black Light (Fluorescent Rocks display)
Mark and Harold will work on large sign for the room.

New booth "Sand Dig for Gems" I am contacting other clubs right now to see how they run theirs—if they have one. As soon as I get enough information to make a semi-intelligent decision I will call the Show co-chairman and discuss the options. In the meantime—we are waiting for replies.

Shirley Metts—Show Chairman

Our Public Lands : where are they now..... STILL UNDER ATTACK

By Andy Johnson

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, House Natural Resources Committee Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04) and Parks, Forest and Public Lands Subcommittee Chairman Rob Bishop (UT-01) met privately with Bureau of Land Management Director Bob Abbey and Department of the Interior Deputy Secretary David Hayes to discuss the Wild Lands Secretarial Order. The meeting was intended to clarify the intentions of Secretary Salazar’s recent memo that stated the Department would not implement the Wild Lands Order pursuant to passage of the FY 2011 Continuing Resolution (CR).

“Today BLM Director Bob Abbey and DOI Deputy Secretary David Hayes gave assurance that the Obama Administration does not plan to revive the Wild Lands Secretarial Order. However, I’m continuing to take a ‘trust but verify’ approach. I hope the Interior Department upholds their promise to listen to the concerns of local communities and their elected representatives. Based on past actions of the Administration, the Committee will continue to conduct aggressive oversight of this issue to ensure that no other backdoor unilateral actions are taken that could lock-up public land, block economic activity and cost jobs,” said Chairman Doc Hastings (WA-04).

IN MONTANA

Settlement reached on Scenic View Road County Prevails in Mediation

By Kay Braddock-Terry Tribune

An agreement has been reached between Prairie County and Michael and Terry Karrels, allowing public access to a section of Scenic View Road that crosses property owned by the Karrels. A gate installed in the fall of 2007 by Karrels and locked a year later led Prairie County to file papers in District Court in September 2010 seeking a judgment declaring the 7-mile dirt road north of Terry a county road by virtue of prescriptive easement. Conditions within the agreement require the gate be unlocked and also assure that the county will assume full liability on Scenic View Road. Convery said the county intends to remove the gate, but will first inspect the road and begin any needed maintenance on the road before the summer tourism season begins.

IN WASHINGTON

Discovery Pass

Effective July 31st, 2011; Recreationalist who play or stay on public lands will now need to display the Discover Pass on their vehicle when accessing state recreation lands managed or controlled by either the (DNR) Department of Natural Resources;(WDFW) Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife; or (WSPR) Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission must now PAY to play; stay or access these lands. The Discover Pass permits you to enjoy nearly 7 million acres of Washington state-managed recreation lands – including state parks, water-access points, heritage sites, wildlife and natural areas, trails and trailheads. The fine for not displaying the pass is \$99.

Annual pass: \$30 / \$35 with transaction and dealer fees if purchased at a license dealer, by phone or online. One-day pass: \$10 / \$11.50 with transaction and dealer fees if purchased at a license dealer, by phone or online

Further information on this new access law can be found at the following website: <http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>

IN OREGON

Public Comment Opportunities - Elliott State Forest Planning

The public is invited to review and comment on two plans that support the proposed 2011 Forest Management Plan for the Elliott State Forest: the draft 10-year Implementation Plans and the related Forest Land Management Classification maps. The 95,273-acre Elliott State Forest is located in the Coast Range near Reedsport. Written comments on these two plans will be accepted until August 29. More information can be seen at <http://www.oregon.gov/ODF/>

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.

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 Barbrah Livingston—our Federation Director. **STAMPS**

Judi Allison

1st VP

August is moving right along and soon it will be September 1st. That is the date I officially take over the duties of President. I feel the last couple of months have been on a very steep learning curve, but I also feel I have gained more knowledge. I am also aware I have much more to learn.

The wonderful thing about our Federation and our hobby is that there are a great number of individuals like Chuck who step up, volunteer and take part in helping keep our Federation and our hobby alive and well. If you are only involved on your club level, you are a valuable asset, but you are missing out on some great aspects and resources of our hobby. If you have never taken part in a Federation Show, make it a point to attend one. Plan on going to the meeting and taking part in the banquet and all the other activities available. I guarantee you will leave with treasures that will stay with you forever, even if you don’t buy a thing. Those treasures will be the memories and the friendships you have gained.

You can also start reaping the rewards of those treasures simply by becoming more aware of the activities and offerings of the Federation. Individuals can test their abilities by entering competitive displays. Juniors can try for an achievement award. Club members can be nominated for “Rockhound of the Year” and clubs can take part in the “All American Award”. You can save your stamps for cancer research or serve on a committee. As a member of a Federation Club, you are a member of the Federation, so come “join the party” and be active. (This is an excerpt from Judi Allison’s letter in the NFMS August Newsletter, pg. 3—to read all of it, go to the NFMS news)

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

September. 15

7:00 p.m

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

We will be back at Rosenau’s Community Room in September

NFMS Library Update

By Tim and Sharon DeGrie
New things to add to the library list. “Those Fabulous Thundereggs” on DVD

Jewelry Workshop

A—is the Beginning Level Silversmithing

B—is the Intermediate Level Silversmithing

If interested in anything from the NFMS library contact Dave and Pat Ziegler. They can order any of these for our trainings.

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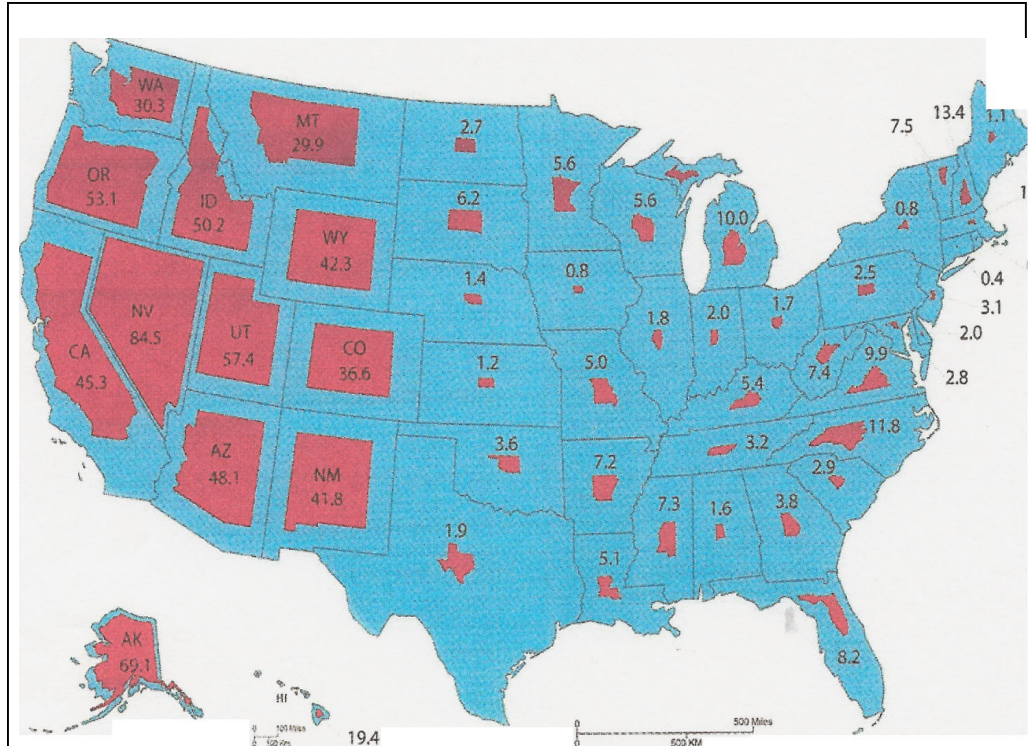
Voice mail: 205-734-2515

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WHO OWNS THE WEST?

Federal Land as a Percentage of Total State Land Area

When I first saw this map at an ALAA meeting last year I was astonished! Yet you must realize that all the representatives in Congress from states with small areas are voting on public lands issues—many times without comprehending the vast lands under federal jurisdiction west of the Mississippi that the legislation applies to. Log on to www.amlands.org. Get informed and get active. Who knows—just one more e-mail might change a vote. The ALAA membership is growing. In the Idaho state section of the website you will come across a great message from our North Idaho/Eastern Washington Representative, Everett Headrick. Admirably stated, Ev!! (See more on page 9)

REMINDER—NOTHING HAS YET BEEN DECIDED ABOUT THE SAND DIG OTHER THAN THE MEMBERS THINK IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA. IF WE DO IT, ALL ITEMS MUST BE DONATED EXCEPT POSSIBLY THE SAND. THERE IS NOT MUCH MONEY IN THE BUDGET TO BE USED FOR IT. I AM CHECKING WITH OTHER CLUBS FOR THEIR RULES AND IDEAS. SHOW CHMN. SHIRLEY METTS

MAGIC VALLEY GEM CLUB SHOW

March 10 and 11, 2012

Twin Falls County Fairgrounds, Filer, Idaho

Check out the Magic Valley Gem Club face book page—it is really great.

And the AFMS Editor’s Contest Winners from the Northwest Federation Are:

Original Adult Articles, Honorable Mention

Perils of the Hunt

by Jim Glenn, Magic Valley Gem Club (NFMS) From: *Magic Valley Gem News*, 3/10

Original Adult Articles Advanced, Honorable Mention

Most Minerals are Safe to Handle, A Few Require Real Caution

by Dr. Carl & Barbara Austin, Magic Valley Gem Club (NFMS)
From: *Magic Valley Gem News*, 9/10

Small Bulletins, Honorable Mention

Magic Valley Gem News, 8/10, **Shirley Metts, Editor** Magic Valley Gem Club, Twin Falls, ID (NFMS) Congratulations to the winners and many thanks to Peggy Blickfeldt for chairing and coordinating our Federation entries. Let’s have even more winners next year!!]

Shoshone (continued from page 5)

- ⇒ August 24, 2011, 4:30—7:30 pm, Twin Falls, LaQuinta Hotel, 539 Pole Line Road
- ⇒ August 29, 4:30—7:30 pm, Fairfield, Camas County Senior and Community Center, 129 West Willow Ave.
- ⇒ August 30, 5:30—6:30 pm. Carey, BLM Carey Fire Guard Station, 20550 N. Main St.

If you are unable to attend one of the open house meetings, a scoping package and associated maps will be available at http://www.blm.gov/id/st/en/fo/shoshone/North_highway_20_travel.html

Hard copies of the scoping package and maps will also be available at each of the following BLM offices:

- ⇒ Shoshone, Shoshone Field Office, 400 West F-Street
- ⇒ Burley, Burley Field Office, 15 East 200 South
- ⇒ Twin Falls, Twin Falls District Office, 2536 Kimberly Road

Comments are welcome throughout the planning process; however, it is most helpful if your comment is received by October 14, 2011. Meaningful comments are used to help formulate alternatives and ensure issues are addressed. You may submit comments related to the TMP through any of the following methods:

- ⇒ mail: 400 West F Street, Shoshone, ID 83352
- ⇒ E-mail: North_Highway20_Travel_Plan@blm.gov
- ⇒ Fax: 208-732-7317

Questions? Call the Shoshone Field Office at, 208-732-7200

Before including your address, phone number, e-mail address or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment, including your personal identifying information, may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. (Contacts: Heather Tiel-Nelson, 208-736-2452, hnelson@blm.gov)

Most of the stuff people worry about ain’t never gonna happen anyway!

Every path has a few puddles

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 and Public Image of Rock hounds everywhere.

**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 schools

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

**DO YOU REALIZE THAT OUR SHOW IS
ONLY 6-1/2 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!!!**

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