

Grindings

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President's Message



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November 3, 2012 I became a married man, so I have been busy, just not with rocks. Life should settle down and get back to what "normal" can be for the busy holidays. New adventures all around.

November is the month to elect Board Members. The nominees' biographies are included in this newsletter. Please read through them so you can be acquainted with those that you feel will best serve your club and interests. This is the best way for you to have a say in your club, so take time to read through the Nominations.

November's and December's program will be an auction. November's auction is typically rough specimens, and December's auction is typically finished items. If you feel that you have some nice items to donate please let Brent Stewart know and bring your items to the meeting. We have had a lot of fun at these auctions and great ideas for Holiday gifts. The proceeds from the auction go towards offsetting individual's cost at the annual banquet.

All the information and details about the banquet will be in next months newsletter.

I hope all is going well on the progress for those of you that are wanting to enter a "Project of the Year". You do not need me to tell you that December is quickly approaching! If you have not started yet there is still some time left and I encourage you to participate.

Please keep tumbling rocks, sewing grab bags, and preparing your prizes for the annual show coming up in February. Chairmen should be getting sign up sheets prepared, and there will be plenty of opportunity for everyone to lend a hand in helping the show be another success!

Also, a reminder that dues are due. Please get your dues into Kathy Griffin, our Treasure, as soon as possible.

I wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving day!

Brent Stewart
President



**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
October 16, 2012**

President Brent Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Kevin Kelly.

Adult door prizes-- 33 winners were drawn.
Junior door prizes-- 5 winners were drawn for.
Building Fund prizes-- 2 winners were drawn.

A motion to accept the minutes as printed in the "Grindings" made by Ed Moser and seconded by Phil Worley, the motion passed.

Secretaries report-- several members have sent in their new years dues. We also received our bank statements, a new Rock & Gem magazine, 2 newsletters from area clubs.

Treasurers report-- Kathy spoke of balances and disbursements. Any club bank information is available upon request.

Juniors report-- Ed is encouraging Juniors to always bring their folders to our general meetings.

Library report-- A special "Thank You" to Lynn Davis for her donation of older issues of the Rock & Gem magazine. I'll be sending her a special "Thank You" card.

Federation report-- Charles spoke of next years "Annual Show" being not too far away and to encourage reservations to be made. The Tucson Show is just around the corner too.

Workshop report-- On behalf of Willa I advised members of a workshop on October 18th, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Instructors are needed for the evening. Jim Clinton and Phil Worley will be available to help with the larger saw. Willa has ingredients for s'mores but is in need of hot dogs, buns, and any other snacks. A fire will be available.

Willa wants me to remind folks of the "Grab bag sew off", the deadline for sewn bags is the January board meeting, which is scheduled for January 2, 2013. (due to the 1st Tuesday falling on New Years Day). The winners will be announced at our Annual Banquet, on January 15, 2013.

We have fabric donated by Barb Carey. So anyone needing fabric give her a call.

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License plates report-- Deana wasn't present for this meeting so no information was available.

Guests present-- Marcia Blessing, Amanda Barnes, James Wright, James Kennedy, and Christi Barry and her daughter Kiara.

New members present-- Anna Stafford.

Duane Mayer wants members to know he has brought in some raw material for anyone interested.

Scholarships report-- we've received no applications at this time.

Phil Neuhoff is reminding members that we have the new blacklights available for a great cost of \$95.00.

Old business-- we were in need of a "Sunshine" lady or gent. Brent advised me that Deana Ashton has volunteered to fill that position for the club. If anyone is aware of members in need, birth, marriages, or death of club members please contact Deana Ashton.

Before break was called Phil Stephenson spoke to the members about his new Plume agate (has assorted colors) claim called "Feather Ridge".

Rick Corbett will be giving tonight's program "Fossilized Fish".

Jim DaSilva spoke briefly of our club Banquet in January. It will be held at the Owyhee Plaza with the same menu selections. He will have tickets available at the next General Meeting on November 20th for purchase.

Break was called at 8pm and the Library was also open for members.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Worley - Secretary*



**MINUTES OF THE IDAHO GEM CLUB
Board Meeting
November 6, 2012**

President Brent Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Board members present were Willa Renken, Phil Neuhoff, Phil Worley, Rick Corbett, and Deana Ashton. Ed Moser and Jim Clinton were excused for the evening.

Officers present were Melodee Worley, Kathy Griffin, and Charles McCreath.

Guests present were Shirley McCreath and Doug Renken.

Secretaries report-- members dues were received in the mail, bank statements, some returned mail, a request for input about Claim locations, and updated information from the Department of Transportation about special plate sales.

Treasurers report-- Kathy spoke of balances and disbursements.

Federation report-- Charles stated the Federation Newsletter website is up and going. To access newsletters search www.amfed.org/NFMS. If for any reason you'd prefer to receive your newsletter by mail just contact them by e-mail or other contact information on the site.

The next programs will be auctions of donated materials.

Juniors report-- Juniors please "DON'T" forget your folders!!!

Workshop report-- no workshop will be happening this month due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. The Christmas Workshop will occur on the weekend of December 15 & 16, times will be discussed at the future General meeting.

License plates report-- Deana has been in touch with Phil Neuhoff about our website creation. It's been decided to pay the cost in 3 installments. A possible Facebook link is to be set up, too.

Old business-- Phil Worley, the chair for nominations of Board members, has presented candidates--- Melodee Worley 2ys, Barb Carey 3yrs, Brent Stewart 3ys, and Deana Ashton 3ys. A motion to accept these nominated people was made by Phil Worley and seconded by Willa Renken. The motion carried.

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New business-- A packet was received from (BLM) Vale District for a survey called " Visual Resources Sensitivity" Willa will be contacting the appropriate people to inquire about this study.

Phil Neuhoff is wanting to "Trademark" the Wang Doodle Bird and the Gem State plate with the Star Garnet. The motion was carried to do so.

Project of the Year projects are soon due. Voting will be held at our General meeting on December 18.

The Board had a discussion about case favors for this years Idaho Gem Club Annual Show. Phil Neuhoff is looking into some of the suggested ideas.

New memberships-- one application was submitted. A motion to accept the member was made by Deana Ashton and seconded by Phil Worley. The motion carried.

Our meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

On behalf of the Idaho Gem Club a special "Congratulations" needs to go out to the "Newlyweds" Brent and Gia Stewart.

*Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Worley - Secretary*

As Board Member Nominations committee chairman I nominate the following members for Board of Director vacancies. We have three vacancies for full terms of 3 years and one resignation vacancy of two years. For the 3 full term vacancies I nominate Deana Ashton, Brent Stewart and Barb Carey. For the two year term I nominate Melodee Worley. All nominations are in good standing with the club and are Board approved.

At the time of elections additional nominations shall be received from the floor.

Thank You, Phillip Worley, Chairman Nominations Committee. (see pages 9 & 10 for bio's, Deana did not submit one)

Two links for additional newsletters we receive as members of the rock club.

NFMS—Newsletter available at:
<http://www.amfed.org/nfms/newsletters.asp#>

AFMS—Newsletter same as last months:
<http://amfed.org/news/default.htm>

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

NOVEMBER

11/1 Peggy Dean
 11/5 Hauns Snyder
 11/6 Jaden Wanner
 11/7 Peggy Blickfeldt
 11/7 Christopher Brewer
 11/7 Brandon Chase
 11/7 Larry McConnell
 11/10 Chance Wilson
 11/11 John Munson
 11/12 Penny Dudley
 11/13 Rick Bidwell
 11/13 Daniel Brock
 11/14 Dennis Woodbury
 11/19 Jim Brock
 11/19 Steve Ostrander
 11/20 Natalie Bruner
 11/21 Gary Hanes
 11/23 Marge Conley
 11/24 Alta Seitz
 11/26 Phil Neuhoff
 11/26 Rick Denton
 11/27 Gary Smith
 11/28 George Carlson
 11/28 Mary Munson

12/4 Jack Trevithick
 12/4 Tenya Madsen
 12/7 Chris Zeller
 12/8 Lillie Rogers
 12/9 John Sandmeyer
 12/9 Beau Thornock
 12/10 Joan Alvey
 12/10 Cheryl Link
 12/10 Dee Hanes
 12/11 Scott Schuldenfre
 12/11 Gia Ilers
 12/15 Cris Wheeler
 12/16 Kerri Chipman
 12/18 Dan Phillips
 12/19 Robert Burns
 12/19 Doug Renken
 12/21 Dee Hanes
 12/22 Stacie Brock
 12/22 PJ Suttle
 12/23 Joe Nielson
 12/23 Christi Hogle
 12/25 Thomas Langford
 12/26 Wesley Capps
 12/26 Rory Miles
 12/27 Brian Gimmel
 12/28 Carmen Becker
 12/28 Nolan Crowe
 12/29 Kelly Peneira
 12/30 Tony Griffin

November Birthstones

Faceted - Topaz or Citrine
 Cabochon — Amber

DECEMBER

12/3 Bob Mayes
 12/4 Lorene Alley
 12/4 Shannon T. Tharp

December Birthstones
 Faceted - Blue Zircon
 Cabochon - Turquoise

DUES ARE NOW DUE.**Rates are as follows:****\$17.00 per person****\$20.00 per couple****\$23.00 per family**

**Dues are due by October 31 each
 year . Please pay at the next meeting
 or send them to**

Kathy Griffin, Treasurer**P.O. box 8443****Boise, ID 83707-2443****Dates To Remember****GENERAL MEETING****3rd. Tuesday of every month****November 18, 2012****Church of the Brethren****2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho****Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.****BOARD MEETING:****1st. Tuesday of every month****December 2, 2012****Church of the Brethren****2823 N. Cole Road, Boise, Idaho****Meeting Starts at 7:30 p.m.****November Refreshment Committee****Chair: Phil Neuhoff****REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE GUIDELINES**

Need approximately 15 dozen cookies.

Wrapped door prizes are also needed.

Arrive early enough to set up the chairs. The
 chairperson brings the coffee urn, coffee,
 punch, cream, sugar, cups and napkins.

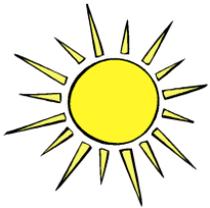
Afterward, put meeting tables & chairs
 away, clean kitchen and sweep the room.
 Gather and take all the trash with you. Don't
 forget it is the responsibility of the chair for
 the coming month to pick up the coffeepot,
 take it home and bring it the next meeting.

December Refreshment Committee**Chair: TBA**

Welcome New Members

Mr. & Mrs. James Kennedy
603 San Felipe Way
Boise, Idaho 83712
914-3069

Deana Ashton is our Sunshine Lady



Her job is to send some cheer to members who are ill, in need of prayers, or need some cheering up. Deana needs your help in accomplishing this, you can help by letting her know of anyone that is in need of a little sunshine. Deana will send a card or flowers depending on their situation or occasion.

Deana's phone number is 794-5628

November Program:

Auction to help defray cost of our Annual Banquet

Brad Smith—Bench Tips

Announcing "Bench Tips for Better Jewelry Making", a new book for beginning and intermediate jewelers by Bradford Smith. It contains 101 useful Bench Tips to help improve skills and increase quality at the bench.

The 96 page book is filled with close-up photos to explain the techniques and makes a great gift for the holidays - Just \$16.95 For more details, see: <http://CreateSpace.com/3976439> or <http://Amazon.com/dp/0988285800/>

YESTER YEAR

Mar. 1969

All of the profit from 1968's is to be used for the 1969's show.

A motion was made by Quincy Howell that the club should stay out of the rock selling business and leave it to the dealers.

The slide projector and tape recorder will be bought from the show money but raffles would be used to pay back the money.

The club was invited to meet the Emmett Club at the plume agate diggings for a pot-luck lunch and to get acquainted on Sunday May 4th. The Spenser Opal field trip is July 4.5 and 6th., field trip for the month was to Beacon Hill.

A motion was made to charge 50 cents for the NWF directory.

President Harry Samuels sent letters to Idaho and Eastern Oregon proposing a combined rock show. It was announced that a projector had been purchased for \$82.35. Field trip for the month will be to the Whangdoodle claim. Hilda Bryant was appointed to be the Bulletin Editor.

Field trip to Haystack butte for Jasper was successful by those who went. The next field trip will be to Burgdorf for Star Sapphires. It would be on a Saturday and for those who could stay overnight it would be on Sunday also.

A bill was presented by Lloyd Douglas for \$20.70 for cutting and mounting Star garnets to be given to the wives of the astronauts. The garnets were donated by the Hoods except for one which Lloyd Douglas donated so all of the necklaces would be evenly matched.

2446 Betty Crocker coupons were given to the NWF for the scholarship fund.

*In Loving Memory
Patsy Bethel—Historian*

EARTH SCIENCE/LAPIDARY ARTS LICENSE PLATE COMMITTEE

Looks like we have one of the last specialty plates to be approved by Idaho Legislature! This means that no more designs will be accepted unless they are government causes. It also means, WE NEED TO MEET OUR SALES QUOTA!!

During 2013 and 2014 and years thereafter, 1000 plates must be purchased or renewed. WE CANNOT drop below 1000 during two consecutive years, or we will lose the plate program forever. Please, support your local school Earth Science classes by purchasing the Earth Science Lapidary plate.

Some of the funds paid to purchase plate are redirected to the schools who request assistance with education in field of Earth Science/Lapidary. Students can request field trip funding, educational materials, Mineral and Gem tools.

We need your support and help passing the concept of the plate on to your local science class teachers and students. Recently, we started increasing the volume of advertising. There are business cards with the plate information available, as well as other materials we will gladly send you for display in your local business, school or neighborhood.

Please, contact me with any questions or ideas. Your ideas and participation are welcome!

Deana Ashton - Gem State Plate Committee shesteched@msn.com

To avoid this when I have another soldering operation to follow, I try to leave a little extra solder on my joints. For instance, when trimming off excess base plate from around a bezel, I leave a couple paper thicknesses excess plate material whenever possible until I'm done with all soldering. Of course, this isn't always possible as when a soldering operation would prevent you from gaining access for final sanding and polishing of an area.

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or

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*Respectfully submitted,
Melodee Worley - Secretary*

Rockhound "CODE OF ETHICS"

I will respect both private and public property and will do no 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 rockhound 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 officer, 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", I 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 Rockhounds everywhere.

Bench Tips

LOOSE HEADS

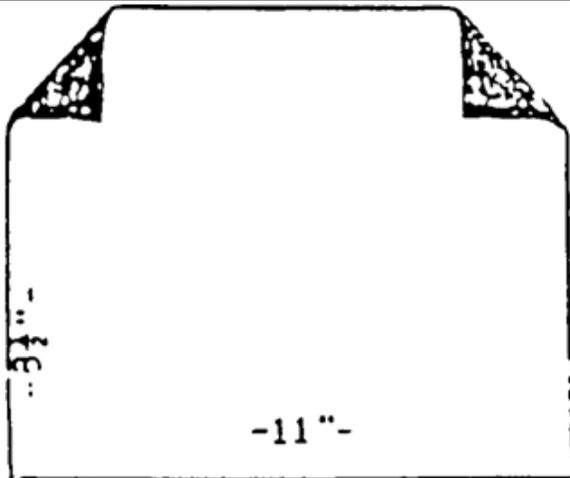
Flying off the handle is never good, particularly if it's a hammer head. The traditional way to tighten a loose hammer head is a bit of work, but there's a fast and easy solution available for about 50 cents - superglue. Simply put a couple drops in from the handle side, let it set up, and then a few drops from the top side. Be sure to get the thin superglue, not gel. It penetrates better. Packages of two superglues are usually available at the 99 cent store.

AVOIDING SOLDER LINES

After finishing a soldered joint on say a bezel, have you ever seen it reappear when you solder the bezel to a base plate? What's happening is that every time you heat a soldered piece to the temperature that solder flows, the liquid solder dissolves a little bit more into the base metal. This leaves a small furrow where the solder had been sanded off flush at the joint. To get rid of the furrow, you have to re sand the joint area down to the bottom of the furrow.

Easy Grab Bags for Grab Bag Contest

The easiest method of cutting out grab bags is to cut fabric into 8 1/2" strips. Press down 1/2" on the top edge of each strip. Fold strip in half and cut on fold (you'll have two 22 1/2 inch pieces. Cut each of those halves into two pieces (fold & cut on fold). Following the pattern, fold up the outer edges of the top hem and make the dog ears, and then place your draw-string under the hem (but over the "ears"). (I place a few pins in the edge of the hem to make sure it stays put before I sew. And, I sew each seam factory-style/chain stitching—not cutting between each bag, etc. So, if I cut out the 4 strips from the yard of fabric, I'm going to stitch down the top hem on all the bags before I go to the next step, etc.

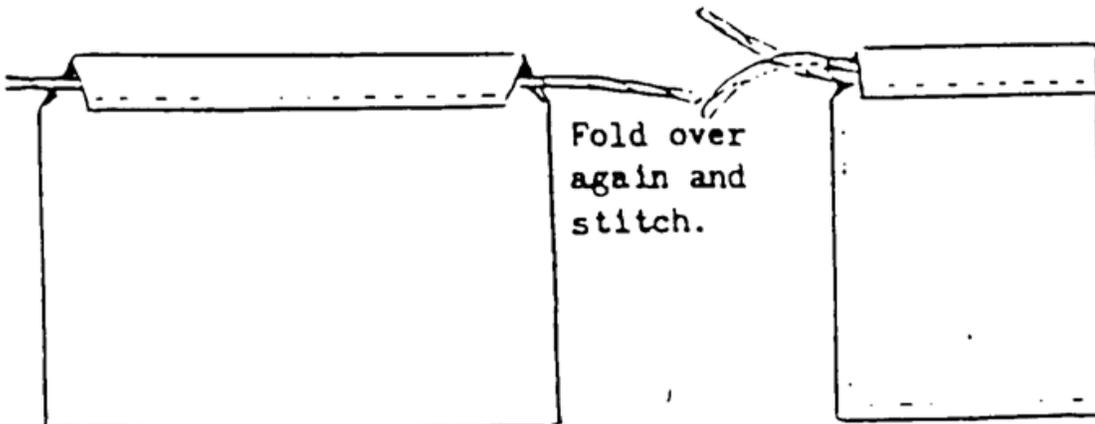
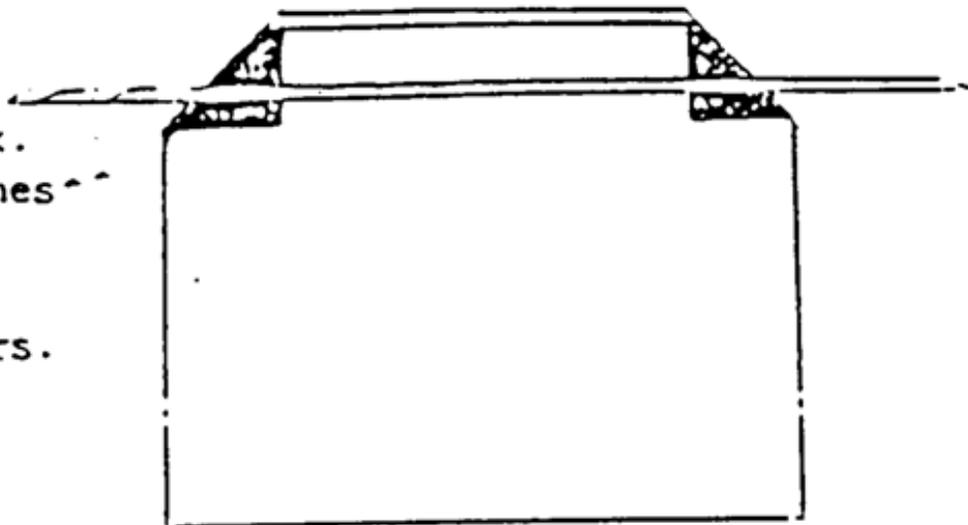


Time is saved by folding the two corners over diagonally, then folding The top down over the cord. Try it.

Fold over 1/2inch and crease. Lay cord in place.

Approx.
2 inches

Fold
corners.
over



Fold over
again and
stitch.

Fold in half. Stitch in
across bottom and up
side.

**Idaho Gem Club
Field Trip Report**

Our clubs final field trip of the season was to Texas Springs, Jackpot Nevada. We were joined by the Owyhee club and a few quests. Everyone had a wonderful time and lots of past tales and stories were shared. I would like to thank all you who joined in and helped with this seasons trips, i certainly could not have done it with out ya, Thank You.

Ya'll have a good winter and I'll see ya in the spring. Phil Worley, field trip coordinator

Happy Hounding

Phillip Worley - Field Trip Coordinator

December Workshop

Just a reminder in this month's newsletter, that we will be having our Annual Christmas Workshop on December 15th and 16th again this year. The shop will be open at 10 am and run until 5 pm. All club members and guests are welcome to attend. The club will furnish the chili and soup if you could bring a favorite snack or dish to share that would be great.

There will be wire wrapping and cab making to be had by all. I will need folks to help with those who don't know how to make a cab so come prepared to share a little knowledge with our newer members and help me with over seeing your machines. I really enjoy December's workshop as it is a time to share and get to know more of you in our club.

I hope you will all come and share in this activity so you get a chance to know your fellow rock hounds. The address is 12843 S Five Mile Rd, Kuna ID and the phone number is 362-3941. See you there (map on page 11).

Willa Renken
Workshop Chairman

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Bench Tips

Filling a hole

Sometimes while constructing a piece or finishing a casting, I will find a hole or dimple that should be filled. Everyone who has tried flowing a little more solder into one of these defects knows that it rarely works. Silver solder doesn't seem to fill small holes unless you give it some help. Here's how I do it.

For a roundish hole, I use a drill a little larger than the hole to make the cavity round. Then I fill the hole with a short length of silver wire and solder it in. Either choose a drill that is a good fit for the wire, or sand a slight taper on the end of the wire so it fits into the drilled hole. Then add a little solder around the wire.

To fill a dimple, I place solder into the cavity, add a scrap of silver big enough to cover the dimple, and solder. After pickling, file and sand off the excess metal and polish smooth.

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FYI – Rockhound Update on Collecting Meteorites

The United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Land Management issued a new policy on September 10, 2012 that concerns the lawful collection of meteorites on public lands (Instruction Memorandum No. 2012-182). The information provided below shows the frequently asked questions (FAQs) associated with the new policy.

To review the official memorandum, go to:

www.blm.gov/wo/st/en/info/regulations/Instruction_Memos_and_Bulletins/national_instruction/2012/I

(from MOROKS, Nov. 2012) via MVGC Nov. 2012)

Land Closures by Management Decisions

by John Martin, AFMS Conservation & Legislation Chair

With the slow down in legislative action this election year the Public Land Use (Restriction) bills before congress are mostly on the back burners for the remainder of this congressional session. It does not look likely that much will be happening until after the November election. That does not leave very much time for any action on the bills that have been introduced and referred to the appropriate committees for review and recommendations. If no action has been taken the bills introduced during this session will die in committee and need to be reintroduced during the next congressional session. There is one "unless", and that "unless" is, if the Land Use Bills before congress are consolidated into one large piece of legislation and attached to some other bill, like what happened in 2008 with the "Omnibus Land Bill Act of 2008", which made it a federal felony to collect vertebrate fossils on Federal Public Lands, then there would be cause for concern.

This does not mean that all is well for Amateur Rock, Mineral and Fossil collecting on BLM and USFS managed Public Lands. These Federal Agencies, through Congressional Mandate several years ago, must provide to congress a Land Management Plan for all managed land under their jurisdiction. The creation of these plans has been in the development cycle for several years. They have been labeled Resource Management Plans (RMP) and Travel Management Plans (TMP) and through congressional mandate are required to have open public hearings and input from all stakeholders. Included in these management plans are the allowable activities and the designated roads and trails within the managed areas. All roads and trails within the management areas must be identified and publicized. These roads and trails may lead to Rockhound collecting sites. If the road to the collecting site is not on the list of approved open roads the only way to get to the collecting site is by foot. This access battle for open roads has been waged for several years now and some process is being made thanks to a few concerned Rockhounds. There are more dangers to Rockhounds in some of these RMPs and TMPs than roads. One example is in the Bakersfield Field Office Resource Management Plan Revision.
<www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/bakersfield/Programs/planning/caliente_rmp_revosopm/html#Draft>

This plan is in its final stage of review and is close to approval and implementation. As an example, when this plan goes into effect, it will close the collecting area known as Horse Canyon, near Tehachapi, California. The Horse Canyon Agate is unique. This is the only green tubercular agate in North America. Under this RMP access to this collecting

site will be closed and so will collecting of any kind within the area of the canyon under BLM control. This type of language is appearing in many of the Land Management Plans being released for public review and comment before presentation to congress for final approval.

Even though congressional action has slowed, Rockhound sites are in greater jeopardy of loss through internal Public Land Management review and decisions. With a stroke of the management pen collecting sites and access may be closed in the name of resource protection. It is up to Rockhounds to make their voices heard so collecting sites and amateur collecting on public lands remain a viable hobby now and for future generations to enjoy.

Candidate for Idaho Gem Club Board Barbara Carey—Biography

I grew up in the south east part of the country and worked in Michigan for 15 years as an auto designer. I came to Boise 3 years ago for a job working at motive power.

I always was collecting fossils as a child. The hills in the Kentucky area were great for that. My mother was always throwing boxes of them out from under my bed because I would get so many they would spill out onto the floor of my room.

I got the rock hounding bug after going to Tennessee for my honeymoon 10 years ago. It rained for 4 days out of the seven. The only thing that was open outdoors to do was go gem mining at a roadside stand. They used a wet wash station so you got soaked as you cleaned your stones from the dirt mix, so I did not matter if it was raining the whole time. We started with a 25 dollar bucket and end with a 500 dollar tub!! I have been hooked ever since.

My last job search to in consideration if it had good rock hunting areas. So I moved to the gem state! How's that for dedication to the fun!!!

Thank you, Barb Carey

Candidate for Idaho Gem Club Board

Brent Stewart Biography

My name is Brent Stewart and I would like you to consider me for a position as returning President. Born and raised (third generation rock hound) right here in Boise, I love this beautiful state of ours... The Gem State.

I have spent my life digging, cutting and selling our great stones and love to see people find a passion for rocks. I now have a beautiful wife, Gia along with 3 step children youngest is 11 and is showing interest in rocks. As a family we have 3 dogs one of which is expecting, so if any of you like labs come by and visit. Along with the dogs we also have four lovely lady chickens that each give us eggs daily.

One of my favorite things in life is to share my knowledge of rocks with school children. I feel it is important to keep the kids educated and interested in this hobby and some even may go on to become geologist, just from my influence. After all, the children are the future rock hounds and supporters of clubs like ours. I have been guest speaking in the schools around the valley for four years and really enjoy the children's enthusiasm. I get this interest of educating from my late grandfather Dudley Stewart, and my father Eugene Stewart.

I have started an on line schooling adventure through the G.I.A. Institute of America. Not only would this education support our gem business, but it will allow me to pass even more of my knowledge in other gem related areas... more is always better in the rock world.

Thanks for the consideration and hopefully an opportunity to keep serving as your President.

Thank you, Brent Stewart

Candidate for Idaho Gem Club Board

Melodee Worley Biography

Hi there my name is Melodee Worley. I'm applying for a Board Member position for the Idaho Gem and Mineral Club. My husband and I are both currently holding positions with the Club. I'm the Secretary and Librarian. Phil is the Field-trip Leader and currently a Board member.

We've been active members going on 5 years. We've helped with the Idaho Gem and Mineral Clubs Annual Show in February. I've also been active helping with numerous workshops and other happenings.

I feel I could be an asset to the meetings and future decisions to be acted upon. I look forward to serving you for the next 2 years. Thank You,
Melodee Worley



Rocky Rattlers
Juniors need to bring their folders
to the meeting this month

This map is for the December 15th & 16th Workshop which is before the December meeting

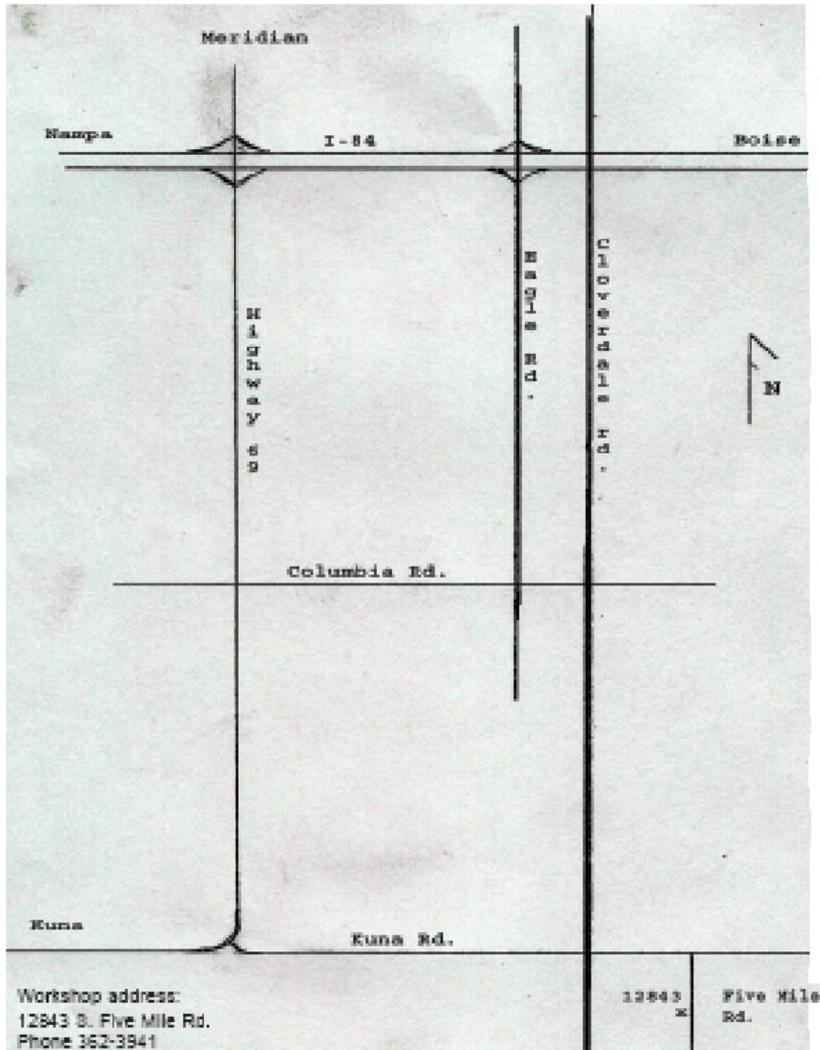
There will NOT be a November Workshop

Are you ready to make a cab or two or do some wire wrapping?

Remember these are for all members or guests. So be sure to bring that special person or child that you want to get interested in our hobby. The workshop is on both Saturday & Sunday from 10 am til 5 pm!

There will be a fire so if you want hotdogs and buns, please bring them, I will have the condiments. Supplies needed are hot-dogs, buns, and s'mores fixin's; so come one come all to 12843 S Five Mile Rd.

You will need to get here off of Meridian and Kuna Rd. or Cloverdale and Kuna Rd. as Five Mile dead ends and starts again.



Marge Conley will be here to help you with the wire wrapping and there will be instructors to help with the cab making.

If you have a slab to make your cab out of feel free to bring it, there will be some material there to choose from if you don't have any. For those of you who have extra material, the workshop always needs donations so that everyone who comes has something nice to cut and chose from.

Remember there is a charge for the wire wrapping but the workshop is free.

I look forward to seeing you all.

Willa Renken
Workshop Chairman
362-3941



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Black Light Sale: We will once again be selling multiband (SW, MW, LW) 4 watt ultraviolet lamps to support our scholarship fund. The cost of the package is \$95 and includes the light, batteries, case, magnetic extender pole, and a free sample of Terlingua-type calcite from Mexico that fluoresces different colors in each wavelength and also phosphoresces.

The purpose of the Idaho Gem Club is to promote mutual, educational and scientific interests and benefits of its members in mineralogy, geology, gemology, the art of lapidary and kindred arts and sciences.

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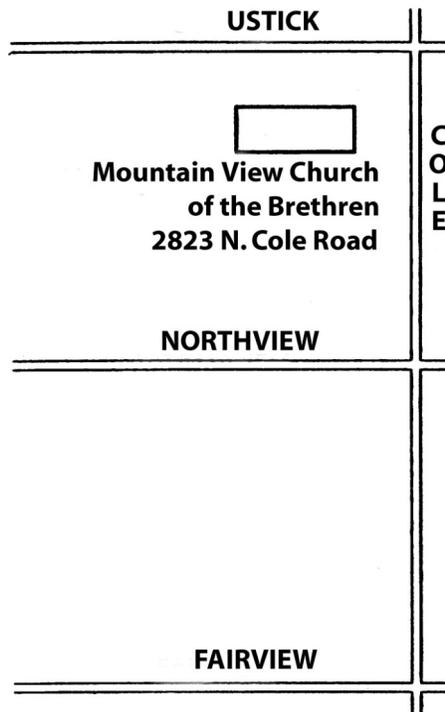
- \$17.00 per person
- \$20.00 per couple
- \$23.00 per family

Subscription:

- \$10.00 per year

General Meeting:

- 3rd. Tuesday of each
- Month at 7:30 p.m.



The Whangdoodle Bird
(Often seen on field trips)



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