



# Lake City Rockhound News

NORTH IDAHO MINERAL CLUB

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P.O. Box 1643 Hayden, ID 83835

Meeting every third Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM — Guests Welcome

See the NFMS web site at [www.amfed.org/nfms](http://www.amfed.org/nfms)

See OUR web site for the club at [www.northidahomineralclub.com](http://www.northidahomineralclub.com)

**JULY 21 AT 5 P.M.—eat at 6**

## **PICNIC AT DALTON PARK**

SOUTHEAST CORNER OF 4TH AND DALTON BEHIND  
CITY HALL

ENTRÉE AND BEVERAGES FURNISHED BY THE CLUB

**Bring a potluck dish, salad and/or dessert**

Bill Johnson and Mike Rose are whipping up a grand Silent Auction, so come prepared for some new treats.

Bring the family—bring your own table service if you want to, (but the club “tub” will be there.)

HOPE TO SEE AS MANY OF YOU AT THIS PICNIC AS WERE THERE LAST YEAR. (There will be a very brief business meeting.)

**FIELD TRIP NOTES.** Now we know why Everett was not with us at the June meeting. He had a good excuse, and I hope he'll bring some "show and tell" from the Blue Forest.

## **Looking For Blue Forest Agate**

Erna and I were invited to go rockhounding with a group from South Idaho and Utah, in the Blue Forest. We met at the Slate Creek campground below the Fontenelle Reservoir in Wyoming, June 16. That evening the cold wind was so strong it shook our travel trailer and left us shivering with the cold. The next morning we drove to the digging site. The agate, covered with petrified algae is found by probing the earth, then digging to see what the probe found. Fortunately everyone had extra probes which I could borrow. I spent the day digging in a hole which previously had been excavated and found several very nice pieces at a depth of about four feet. We were working at an altitude of 6,850 feet. By the end of the day this well seasoned senior citizen was exhausted. Consequently the hole was not filled in until the next day. My second day of digging also yielded several pounds of good material. Our group also picked up several pieces of material others had dug and discarded.

Two tree trunks were found and dug out. Both had very solid dense sections and sections toward the end of the trees which were badly decomposed.

We all had a good time working together in the field and congenial social hours in camp. We found this trip to be a wonderful rockbound vacation.

The material I brought home still needs to be cleaned to clearly see what prizes we have. EH

## **EMERALD CREEK—JULY 9 You missed a great day!**

Three hardy souls ventured down to Emerald Creek garnet digging. John Berry—a friend of Warren Price, and Bev B. drove down—both testing out their rather new vehicles on the last few miles into the area. The road was wash boarded pretty bad and my light car threatened to fly away so crept along for it seemed like many miles. John had a new truck and Warren didn't even notice the road.

Warren and John were already busy digging, sifting and washing. We all came away with some nice specimens. My main objective was to find out for myself if I could still carry buckets over rough ground because you get out of practice.

The weather was gorgeous—sunny but cool breeze. Quite a crowd had gathered by noon. Warren saw friends there, and some of my friends saw me—small world. Would go again in a minute.

The forest service improves what they can and now provide drinking water and chemical toilets and have some picnic tables —and furnish equipment which is covered by the initial fee. The Forest Service "kids" were very helpful. I took some pictures, but they remain in the camera for now

The trip down on (the Rose Lake road or )the White Pine Scenic highway was **so beautiful**. I enjoyed every mile!!! Came back the other way by Heyburn State Park. Not so nice. BB

On the next page is an interesting sounding day trip which I am going to inquire about. Sounds like fun. I really enjoyed a trip we took in the northern part of the scablands to Wenatchee , but have not been around Cheney.

## **Two Ice Age Floods Guided Tours on Channeled Scablands Offered by Cheney Parks and Recreation ... July 14 and August 13**

Cheney Parks and Recreation is offering two opportunities to spend a day on the Channeled Scablands created by the Ice Age Floods. The guided will be based on the 10 stops outlined in the "Eastern Washington Spillways of the Ice Age Floods" brochure produced by the Cheney-Spokane Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute.

### **ICE AGE FLOODS GUIDED TOUR**

Did you know that some of the most fascinating geological features of the Ice Age Floods are the Channeled Scablands of Eastern Washington and that Cheney sits at the gateway. Pack your lunch and spend the day on a guided tour of at least 10 geological features that spread throughout the region to the south of Cheney.

This trip will be fully interpreted with a speaker provided by the Cheney-Spokane Chapter of the Ice Age Floods Institute

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 14, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.; repeated on Saturday, August 13

**WHERE:** Channeled Scablands

**LEADER -** Michael Hamilton, geologist, will lead the field trip. He teaches classes in field geology.

**TRIP FEE -** Trip Fee - \$36 (Resident Discount: \$32)

Trip fee includes, transportation, speaker fees, and trip management.

**REGISTRATION -** Call 509.498.9250, Cheney Parks and Recreation, for your reservation

**LUNCH:** Bring your lunch and snacks

**AGE LIMIT:** Age 50 and above

**MINIMUM PARTICIPANTS-** 12; **MAXIMUM-** 20

**VAN PICKUP -** Look for Cheney Parks and Recreation Van

August 13- Cheney Parks and Recreation-

pickup will occur at the Wren Pierson Building, corner of C Street and 4<sup>th</sup>, Cheney

**INFORMATION:** Access the website for Cheney Parks and Recreation via the link below:

[http://www.cityofcheney.org/documents/recreation/Brochure%202011 Final.pdf](http://www.cityofcheney.org/documents/recreation/Brochure%202011%20Final.pdf)

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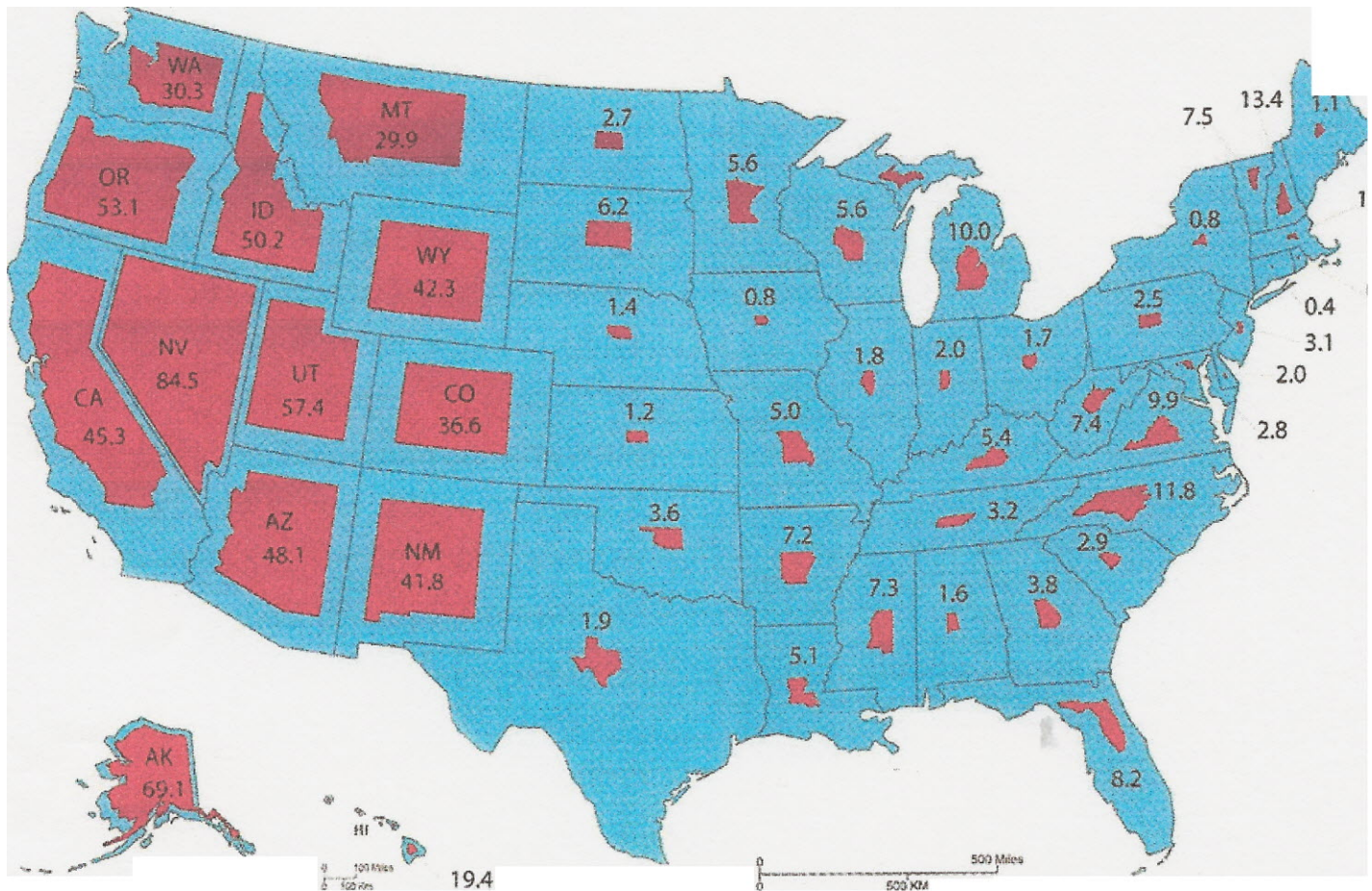
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# WHO OWNS THE WEST?

## 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](http://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.!!

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**Minutes of the June 16 meeting.**

Warren called us to order about 6:30. Minutes approved as printed. Treasurers report by Mike Burton. The membership voted to have Warren and Erin present \$2000 to NIC for the previously approved scholarship funding. The show was discussed briefly—a better turnout than we expected due to so many activities in the area. Everyone who helped received heart felt thanks from the president of club and show.

The picnic is scheduled for Dalton Park on July 21. Set up at 5 PM, eat at 6 PM, club furnish beverages and entrée and all members bring one or two of side dishes, salads, desserts. We will bring the tableware from the storage for those who prefer not to bring their own table service..

The August meeting at the Senior Center will be in the meeting room to the left of the desk in the lobby. We will no longer have to sit at the dinner tables in the big room., but will utilize the smaller area. We discussed the garnet dig field trip and some discussion was done about the trip to dig thulite—no digging required. It is ready to pick up. (I saw the product at the last Rock Rollers meeting and it was very nice.)

Bill Johnson and Bev brought thunder eggs top look at, and Bill has some real beauties!! One especially with tubes in it.—and a great polish. The program from the Federation Library was enjoyed by all BB

( Confession is in order here—the minutes transcribed at the meeting disappeared—and so if re creation leaves something out let us know at the picnic.)

Bill had a big silent auction laid out for us all to ponder.

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News and notes. Bill has been hampered lately by an injured knee.—improving. Bob Riley will see us again in September—he is traveling and doing family things this summer. Bertha has her house on the market, and is not feeling very well. She missed the show this year—her first absence ever I think. We had several guests with us in June—Mike and Jeanne Williams, Shelle Whitney, and Karen and Lowell Goodson, the latter Jim's daughter and son-in-law. Sherla is on a visit.

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**2011 ROCK AND GEM SHOWS IN WA., OR., ID., AND MT.**

CONSULT [www.amfed.org/nfms](http://www.amfed.org/nfms) for show details.

**JULY 23-24 WA . AGATE MIN. SOC. TENINO, WA**

**JULY 29-30-31 REGIONAL SHOW, NFMS CONVENTION AND**

**ANNUAL MEETING—CHEHALIS, WA**

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