



Lake City Rockhound News

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We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at the Lake City Center, 1916 Lakewood Drive, Coeur d'Alene in the Library, from 6:00PM to 8:00 PM. Visitors and Guests are Welcome.
Our web site: <http://www.northidahomineralclub.com>

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This Month's Meeting

Regular Meeting – March 16, 2017

The Meeting Program:

Digging Opals

Refreshments: Whoever signed up for March.

There will be a silent auction and scholarship raffle tickets will be sold.

Buy your tickets today.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Marilyn Kohler. The pledge of allegiance was recited. There were three guests: Hal and Susan Young and Matt Brook.

The Treasurers report was given by Carl Chapin. He has looked into changing to Potlatch No. 1 Federal Credit Union. Free paper statements and interest as well.

Currently paying \$4.00 per month for statements. Motion made to change to Potlatch No. 1 Federal Credit Union, in Hayden, ID. , by Steven Handrahan/ seconded by Patric' Hutchinson. Carried.

Committees:

Show: Beverly Bockman had another contract returned [six contracts total so far] and reported that two others have responded as well, Anphsand and Amber America. It was also reported that one of our long time dealers, Vonnie Dillon had passed away in January.

Dale Ruperd and Dean Hutchinson filled out the report of Non-profit for the Fairgrounds. Carl has the document that was filed with the State that the Fairgrounds needed to copy. Completed.

Carl Chapin went to the Fairgrounds and paid the deposit.

He stated this year, the Fairgrounds is accepting our Non-profit status for the first time. Our fees are going to be less than last year for the show days, but more for the set-up day. 95 tables and 100 chairs are needed again for the Show.

Steven Handrahan would like to sell as a Demonstrator. He would like to Demonstrate at the front of the Show near the Grand prize. That area at the 2016 Show was unused. In the past selling as a Demonstrator has not been allowed. Suggested that he bring his suggestion before the Show Board members. It was decided to have a Show Board meeting. There will be a Show Board meeting is called for February 23, 2017 at Carl Chapin's at 2:00 p.m.

Old Business: None

New Business: Gold and Treasure Show would like the Club to sell at their Show. There is nothing left for the Club to sell. Their Show is April 1 & 2. Motion to not do show made by Carl Chapin seconded by Dale Ruperd/ passed.

Shows coming up in March: Panorama [Colville] is March 17 &18 Friday and Saturday at their Fairgrounds, 3rd weekend.

The Rock Rollers Show is the 4th weekend, March 23-26, Thursday through Sunday, at the Spokane Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned. Motion made/seconded and passed.

Respectfully submitted, Diane Rose, Secretary.



Show Board Meeting Minutes

Dean Hutchinson went line by line with the questions that were on the Fairground Event Center Questionnaire. As of 2/23/2017 there is No Fair Manager.

How many tables needed to rent: 95 Chairs: 100

Setup day time to open gates: 7:00 a.m. for beginning setup before Setup crew arrives.

Setup crew arrives at 8:00 a.m. with things from storage.

We have paid Security both Friday and Saturday night [10:00 p.m. to 6:00a.m.] Carl Chapin will contact them.

Name of food vendor with Food Truck: Marilyn will contact him.

Parking will only be allowed in parking lot on North side of Fairgrounds.

Vendor RV parking only on grass. They want to know how many. Unknown since the Vendor contacts the Fairgrounds.

Fairground NEEDS TO KNOW: Dealers and Club members need to unload/load and park for a while near building, not hauling from out beyond the fence.

Show hours: Dealers and Club members need access before Show opens at 9:00 a.m. of Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday. \$3.00 Admission with coupons available??

Show hours are: 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday/Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Will Mike Burton do advertising again this year?? He did not come for the meeting today.

Steve Handrahan asked if the Demonstrators are allowed to sell what they demonstrate.

There was a discussion about it and I believe it was decided that no selling BUT they could take orders to be delivered after the Show. Steve said he was alright with that. Thank

you, Steve.

It was also discuss Mike Austin sold things at the Show WITHOUT buying a space. This is NOT ACCEPTABLE. The Dealers paid for their space and it is not right to sell without a contract that each of the Dealers paid for and paid State sales tax as well. Dean said he would speak to him about this situation. Also Showcases should NEVER be opened during the Show hours.

People present: Carl Chapin, Dean Hutchinson, Dale Ruperd, Mike McConnell, Marilyn Kohler, Steve Handrahan, Beverly Bockman, Mike and Diane Rose

Respectfully submitted, Diane Rose, Secretary



Brad's Bench Tips

See all Brad's jewelry books at <http://Amazon.com/author/bradfordsmith>

BENCH SHEARS

When cutting sheet metal, it's quicker and easier to use a set of shop shears as compared with using a hand saw. The cut is not as precise, but many times you don't need that. Shears will easily cut up to 24 gauge sheet, and some will cut 22 or even 20 gauge.

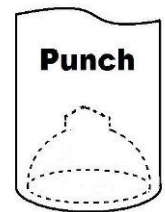


Current prices for shears run from \$13 - \$22 in jewelry catalogs, and the Joyce Chen scissors recommended on some jewelry blogs run more than \$20. But we found a cheaper alternative at the 99 Cent Store - some gardening utility scissors that were only \$1.07

I buy a half dozen of them at a time for use in my jewelry classes. They're great for cutting bezels, trimming around a bezel cup and cutting a piece off a larger sheet.

BEZEL CLOSER

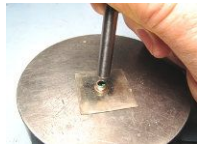
A bezel closer is a steel punch that makes quick work out of pushing the metal down over a round stone and burnishing it. The working end is a concave cavity that fits over your bezel or prong setting and is pushed and twisted to capture the stone. Sets can be purchased but are expensive and contain many sizes you will probably never use. If all you need is one or two



sizes, here's how you can make them yourself.

Find a good quality, round steel rod a little larger in diameter than your bezel cup or prong setting. Cut a 5 inch length. File both ends flat. Locate the center of one end, center punch a divot, and drill a small pilot hole about 5 mm deep. Remember to use a little oil as lubricant when cutting steel.

Select a ball bur a bit smaller than the steel rod but slightly larger than the bezel. Enlarge the pilot hole to a full hemispherical cavity. Test for proper fit with your bezel. Bezel should first contact the cavity about a third of the way in. When the size is correct, polish the cavity using Zam on a length of chopstick in your flexshaft. If the tool is not polished, it will leave scratches on your bezel or prongs.



When using the tool, the first step is to capture the stone correctly. I usually work by hand and push the punch straight down over the bezel or prongs. This causes the metal to start bending over the stone. Next

I inspect with a lens to be sure the stone is staying level. This is repeated until the stone is seated on its bearing and can't move anymore.

Next you want to force the metal down onto the stone uniformly all the way around. While this can be done by hand, I often gently tap the punch with a hammer. Finally, burnish the bezel by twisting the punch around.



**Rock Collecting and Field Trips
WARNING- Cal. DFG agent raids**

From: kenrogers4u@juno.com

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I just received this warning from a producer of "Flea markets" and Craft Shows, and felt I should pass it on to all of you: artists; crafts people; rockhounds; garage sale sellers; auctions; sellers on ebay, Craig's list, Etsy, rock club shows & tailgates, etc.

ALERT: We have heard that officials from the state of CA conducted a surprise inspection at Long Beach Antique Market looking for ivory (new and old), tortoise shell, taxidermy items and other products containing endangered species. These items are illegal to sell in CA. The Dept may confiscate items and fine the sellers. Please check

your inventory. See this article from The Collector for details. <https://ivorywarningfromcollector.wordpress.com> <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-ivory-enforcement-20170210-story.html>



Over the past couple of months, I have been reading and hearing about a number of these nasty and unexpected raids, by agents of the Cal. Fish & Wildlife Agency. They are looking for obvious Ivory products, tusks, carved tusks, sperm scrimshaw, etc., and items that might only be partially made of ivory, such as: knife handles, pool cues, jewelry, buttons, teeth, women's compacts, brush handles, combs, tooth picks, guitar picks, old musical instruments, pipes, etc. "The ban encompasses tooth and tusks of elephant, hippopotamus, mammoth, mastodon, warthog, whale and narwhal, plus rhinoceros horn." They are also looking for the skins and parts of (or products made of) endangered, and other specific animals.

The state of California has effectively banned the sale of nearly all ivory and rhinoceros products, in a sweeping measure aimed at curbing the slaughter of the animals.

The bill, CA-AB96, will "prohibit a person from purchasing, selling, offering for sale, possessing with intent to sell, or importing with intent to sell ivory or rhinoceros horn." Antiques containing 5 percent ivory or less and antique musical instruments containing 20 percent ivory or less (often vintage pianos), will be exempt from the measure.



Rapacious Feds

**DEMAND TRUE STATE SOVEREIGNTY
Remove Colonial Status From the Western States
By Judy Boyle**

A basic economic fact teaches that all new wealth springs from the ground, whether grown or mined. America has been blessed with amazingly abundant natural resources, plus the freedom to access and develop them. From the beginning, this combination set us apart, propelling America to a world power. The current lack of freedom and mismanagement is stifling America, especially in the West.

Timber jump-started northeast ship-building, iron ore supplied the railroads and the industrial revolution, rich farmland made America the "breadbasket of the world," gold and silver mining fueled industry and filled the Treasury, while ranches supplied meat, leather and wool. Our natural resources provided the advantage in WWI &

WWII, forests produced lumber for growing homes and businesses, and vast reserves of rare earth minerals developed America's military super power status.

In 1803, Thomas Jefferson doubled the size of America's land with the Louisiana Purchase of 530 million acres equaling 23% of the United States.

Today, the federal government controls 640 million acres or 28% of all the land in America. Only China and Russia rival America in this centralized collective socialist approach. In the East, less than 5% of the land is in federal control but over 50% of the twelve Western states are still in colonial status. Idaho is 62% federal land and Nevada 87%. By comparison, New York is 3% and Texas 1.8%. For a country founded on the principles of Freedom from an oppressive, distant government this stands in stark contrast.



The federal government continues to gobble up private property through outright purchase, donations from land trusts, even eminent domain use by the NPS. Each time private land becomes federal land, the county and state tax bases suffer. When communities lose access to natural resources they become more dependent on the federal government. Business has been replaced by government agencies. In Portland, Oregon only 13% of the jobs are government-based. Harney County, Oregon jobs are now 49% government.

Even though the Western states have had the distinct disadvantage with a majority of federal land, we were able to somewhat compensate through reasonable access to timber, minerals, and grazing. Until passage of Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) in 1976, the federal government had slowly disposed of land in following the states' admission acts. When the federal government decided to retain all remaining lands, dramatically increase restrictive regulations and use the Antiquities Act to set aside huge chunks of land it signaled a War on the West. President Reagan's years offered a reprieve, but the Clinton and Obama Administrations stepped up destructive policies, severely harming the West.

Timber sales ground to a stop, cutting off jobs, shutting down mills, and bankrupting family businesses. In Idaho, has one surviving mill south of the Salmon River.

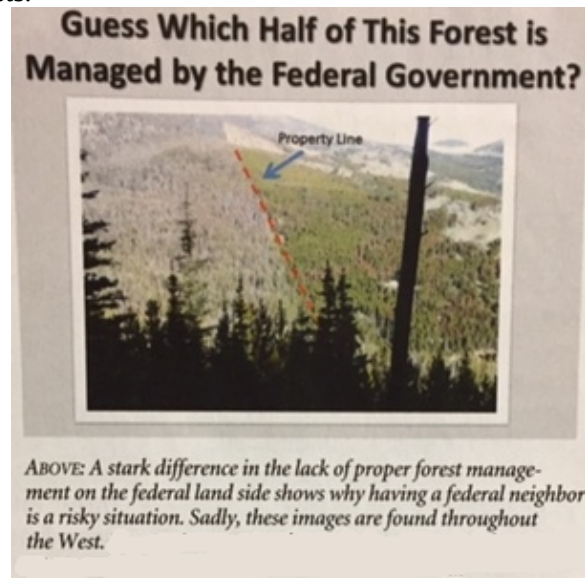
California lost 100 of their 140 sawmills. Once-thriving timber towns have become reservoirs of hopelessness with too many remaining residents living on government assistance as their children drift into drugs and dependency.

The 25% timber receipt funding counties relied on for schools and roads vanished. The few replacement stewardship contracts and good neighbor authority timber sales do not contain the 25% provision. Secure Rural Schools falls far short, leaving counties to twist in the wind at the mercy of Eastern Congressional votes.

Today we burn up our forests instead of responsibly harvesting this renewable resource with America the world's number two importer of softwood products. Each year, millions of acres in our unmanaged forests are destroyed by raging wildfires consuming everything in their path, including towns, pumping untold tons of toxins into the air, blackening our skies for months and threatening our health.

In a recent US House hearing, USFS Chief Tidwell stated 82 million acres of the 193 million USFS acres need restoration and funding. Congressman Tom McClintock (R-CA) retorted if only 1/3 of the USFS land had proper timber harvest using sustainable forestry, the result would be a \$15 billion revenue stream each year.

Congressman McClintock pointed to the vast pine forest of the Sierra National Forest, adjacent to Yosemite, that is 85% "Christmas-tree-in-July-dead." The entire West is an ocean of burned, dead, or dying trees from this terrible mismanagement. A stark contrast can be seen between the sick federal land and the healthy managed state and private forests.



Ranchers have faced similar attacks with severe cuts to grazing and nonsense regulations designed to drive them out of business. Federal bureaucrats from thousands of miles away make arbitrary decisions for land they have never seen, affecting an industry about which they know nothing. Family ranches are forced to sell to the federal government for pennies on the dollar, similar to the ranches around the Oregon Malheur Refuge. Harney County, Oregon, where the refuge resides, is 75% federal land.

Due to the lack of private or state land for grazing, ranches are dependent on federal grazing permits. Most ranches grazed on that same land long before it was USFS or BLM. Through the Taylor Grazing Act, ranches have federally-adjudicated grazing preference rights, used for loan collateral, estate taxes are charged, and go with the ranch's private property at sale. Ranches also hold state water rights, a property right, on the federal landscape.

Mining in America is a shadow of its former self. Idaho is very rich in rare earth mineral reserves, vital for our national defense, but none are being mined. Today, America is forced to rely on China for those minerals. Mining companies have fled America or sold out to Canadian companies. Regulations and environmental lawsuits have made it nearly impossible to operate.

Central Idaho has a gold mining area that has produced millions of ounces of gold since the 1880s. Three years ago, a company explored and found profitable amounts remaining. Over 300 local people would have been employed with very good paying jobs lasting an estimated 20 years however, environmental lawsuits stopped the project and killed those opportunities.

Recreation has not been spared the iron hand of the federal government. Throughout the West, road and trail closures and obliterations have drastically reduced access to federal lands. A recent Montana legislative report found 20,000 miles of roads on federal lands in Montana have been blocked since 1995. Even nationally recognized and protected historical trails have been destroyed by aggressive federal bureaucrats. In Lincoln County, Wyoming the Lander Cutoff Trail was established in 1857 as part of the Oregon Trail. It was recently obliterated and obstructed by USFS employees in their quest to keep the public from accessing federal land.

Utilizing products from the earth & cultivating the land are powerful instruments to increase a state's money quantity and quality of life. Denied essential access to natural resources has inflicted unacceptable harm to Western

people, communities, and states. Instead of using our natural resources, Western states have slowly resigned their independence and sunk into the degraded condition of a colony becoming dependent on crumbs from the federal government for everything from education to infrastructure.

The 2012 US Supreme Court ruling on the Affordable Care Act gave state legislatures a clear road map to exert their power through federalism. "The independent power of the States also serves as a check on the power of the Federal Government by denying any one government complete jurisdiction over all the concerns of public life, federalism protected the liberty of the individual from arbitrary power. In the typical case we look to the States to defend their prerogatives by adopting "the simple expedient of not yielding" to federal blandishment when they do not want to embrace the federal policies as their own. The States are separate and independent sovereigns. Sometimes they have to act like it."

Will Western state legislatures re-assert federalism and take control of their Constitutional powers in the 9th and 10th amendments? Will they finally stand up, say ENOUGH, and demand full statehood with control of the land within their borders? Will legislators follow Alexander Hamilton's admonishment to stand and stop the tyrannical exercise of federal power over states? Will the citizens demand legislators fulfill their oath of office and stop acting as agents of the federal government? We must either demand full statehood and federalism or abandon all pretense of being sovereign states and a Free people.



Word Scramble - Minerals
 Substitute letters to reveal actual words.
 Clue: J equals C

HANTHXYFVQN	QWMFSHAVXN
HSNQOEIQ	IHCNXVQN
RAWWYIQWXN	DNFVYWQ
HCHQN	SHAHJOVQN
JOFEIWDFHIN	CHFXNQ
ONSHQVQN	JOFEIWJWAAH
WDHA	HBMFVQN

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Affiliations			
AFMS – American Federation of Mineralogical Societies			
NFMS – Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies			
S.C.R.I.B.E.			
ALAA – American Lands Access Association			
Gem Show Schedules			
Mar 17-18	8:30-6:00 9:00-5:00	Panorama Gem Club	Colville Ag & Trade Center, Colville, WA
Mar 24-26	10:00-6:00 10:00-6:00 10:00-4:00	Rock Rollers Club of Spokane, WA	Spokane Cty Fair & Expo Ctr, N. 604 Havana, Spokane, WA
Mar 25-26	10:00-6:00 10:00-5:00	Mt. Baker Rock & Gem Club	Bloedel Donovan Comm Ctr, 2214 Electric Ave, Bellingham, WA
Apr 7-9	9:00-6:00 10:00-6:00 10:00-4:00	Golden Spike Gem & Mineral Society	Golden Spike Ctr, Weber Cty Frngds 1000 N 1200 W, Ogden, UT
Apr 8-9	9:00-6:00 10:00-6:00	Maplewood Rock & Gem Club	Maplewood Rock & Gem Clubhouse, 8802 196 th St SW, Edmonds, WA
Apr 22-23	10:00-6:00 10:00-4:00	Yakima Rock & Mineral Club	Centrl WA St. Frngds, 1301 S. Fair Ave, Yakima, WA
May 6-7	10:00-6:00 10:00-5:00	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Everett Comm. College, 2206 Tower St, Everett, WA
May 6-7	9:00-5:00 10:00-4:00	Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club	Douglas Cty Frngds, I-5 Exit 123, Roseburg, OR