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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Jan Longacre

Hello Everyone,

There was no meeting in July. The picnic was the fun for the month. We had a good time and the weather was great. Anita brought a game she made from when she was young, was great watching them learning to play. There is the auction for August, so bring something good to donate!! As far as I know Cliff is still in Golden Empire. We have a new member, Chuck Sloan. He has been on some trips, and enjoys hunting. Welcome Chuck. I'm rambling so got to go. See ya at the Auction, August 2nd.

Jan



AUGUST PROGRAM

We will have our annual auction for August's meeting. Be sure to go through your rocks and supplies and find some nice things to contribute. That can include tools, jewelry, equipment, or anything you think might be of interest, and relates to our hobbies. Clean out some of those old boxes, buckets of stuff and help support our club. Your "surplus" may be someone else's treasure!

Let the bidding begin!

JULY'S RECAP

July's meeting was our annual picnic at the North Star Mine Powerhouse Park. There was a smaller group this year, but the weather was great, food was good, and all had a great time. Anita taught us how to play an old game called "Hoop-X" and she shared some rock specimens with the Jr Rockhounds.

Upcoming club programs:

August	Auction
September	Show and Tell
October	Vicki Black
November	Open
December	Christmas Party

August Calendar of Events

Aug 1	Spiderman's birthday.
Aug 2	Club Meeting
Aug 3	National Watermelon Day
Aug 9	National Hand Holding day

August Birthstone: Peridot

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

8/05 Cindy Dvoracek
8/08 Kim Moore
8/12 Leslie Keesling
8/18 Brandi Chambers
8/24 Charles Lindquist
8/26 Leslie Burnett
8/30 Tony Rully
8/31 Jan Longacre

Happy Birthday!!!



Sunshine Update



Mary Tucker reports the Cliff Swenson is in Golden Empire Convalescent Hospital after breaking his knee cap. He is recovering, is doing physical therapy and will be there a few more weeks. He welcomes your visits or calls. His cell phone is 530-263-3137. Get well soon, Cliff!

Mary Tucker is our Sunshine reporter. Mary would like any news you would like to share with our members reported to her by calling (530) 265-8320.

YARD SALE BY APPOINTMENT

Email happy_hollow_rocks@yahoo.com or call [530-644-1458](tel:530-644-1458) Ken or Vilia

for an appointment to come over when it is convenient for you, we are 10 miles east of Placerville, El Dorado County
Appointments are open now till December, 7 days a week.

We would like to invite the Gem Clubs to come on a club field trip or you are welcome to come alone or bring your family and a friend or two. We have set up a picnic area so you are welcome to bring a picnic lunch and spend the day.

We have 8000 lbs. of rough rock laid out on tarps for

25 cents a pound

agates – jaspers – crystal - specimens – fossils – fluorescent – yard rock - carving rock

A partial list of the 25-cent rock is rhyolite, mariposite with pyrite crystals, brazilian agate, montana agate, apache chrysocolla, silver lace onyx from Calico Mt., whalebone from Gaviota and Bolinas beaches, amygdules-blue chalcedony from Nevada, moss agate and opal from the Synder ranch, quartz crystal-specimen, tumbling and cabbings, botryoidal chalcedony, chalcedony roses, fluorite, Christmas jasper with druzy from the South Caddy Mt., petrified wood from Arizona-Oregon-Africa-California, geodes from Mexico, pridy thunder eggs from Oregon, moss agate from Murry Mt., obsidian needles, apache tears, sheen obsidian, mahogany obsidian, napping obsidian.

There are 100's of fluorescent rocks on the tarps in the 25-cent area. If you would like to come on a moon less night and bring your black light you will be able to run your light over the piles and find lots of treasures. We have a lot of druzy on the 25-cent tarps that can only be seen in the sun. We have another shed set up with minerals and specimens and polished rock and a triple rack and two tables with trays of the same.

When you set up an appointment we will give you directions.

NEVADA COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The program for July was the annual club picnic. There was no board meeting.



NEVADA COUNTY GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The program for July was the annual club picnic. There are no minutes.

Rockhound State Park issues final plans:

Name, rock collecting will stay the same.
Reports the local Deming Newspaper, The Deming Headlight 6/23
http://www.demingheadlight.com/deming-news/ci_18333437

"You could call it a victory of public opinion over government regulation.

New Mexico State Parks released its final management plan for Rockhound State Park Tuesday and it does not include the previously proposed and controversial recommendations to change the park's name and to prohibit rockhounding the collecting of rocks. MaryKay Brady, of the Friends of Rockhound State Park volunteer group, says she is relieved to hear the news."

MEET THE JUNIORS: Sam Wren

I like to hang out with my dad, Dennis, in his shop. Him and I race and work on RC cars. My mom and I like to watch movies and go swimming together. I have two cats, Joker and Cutie, and a dog named Jack. I am 10 years old and going into 5th grade.

I have been a Jr. Rockhound for 5 years. My favorite part of rock hounding is gold mining. I go up to Sierra City my grandpa every year to find gold.

California State Mining and Mineral Museum is on the state park closure list.

I wanted to let you know that the California State Mining and Mineral Museum, which houses and displays the Official California Collection of gems and minerals, is on the State Parks closure list. This is the third year we have been on the closure list but unfortunately it is looking very dire for us this year.

In an effort to garner grassroots support to keep the museum open we have created a facebook page. We would like to invite your members to comment or voice their concern over the closure of this museum. This collection was started in 1880 by the State legislature and has been on continuous display for 131 years. The collection contains approximately 14,000 specimens from all over the world and from California.

It is anticipated that if we close it will be by July 1st 2012. If that happens it is very likely that the collection will be put into storage. This is a premier collection on the west coast and spawned collections in many of the other western states. We would appreciate any help you and your members could provide. If you could pass the word in your newsletter as well it would be appreciated.

There is a link on our facebook page to the California State Parks Foundation which provides suggestions about how to help.

The link to our facebook page is:
<http://www.facebook.com/pages/California-State-Mining-and-Mineral-Museum/192306770823629>

We need your help to spread the word!

If you would like more information or have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Darci Moore
Curator II
California State Mining and Mineral Museum

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dmoor @parks.ca.gov

NEW ALMADEN COUNTY PARK

NORTH BAY FIELD TRIPS ANNOUNCEMENT OPEN TO ALL NBFT AND CO-OP MEMBER CLUBS

Date: September 18TH 2011 from 9 am – 1:30 pm.
Host Club: Peninsula Gem & Geology Society
Contact: Ginger Wolnik, PGGS
gwolnik@yahoo.com, (408) 571-7091 (weekdays)

Meeting Time & Location:

8:45am, Casa Grande, New Almaden Park, on New Almaden Road

Site: NEW ALMADEN QUICKSILVER COUNTY PARK - Fee trip

Almaden Quicksilver County Park is the location of cinnabar mining in south San Jose, in the town of New Almaden. Journey back in time and learn the history of the park. Seating is limited. There is room for 16 people to attend, riding in two vans. Bring your water and lunch. Trip cost \$5.00. It can be hot, so dress accordingly.

Call the trip leader to make your reservation and send payment of \$5.00 to hold your place.

Send check or use PayPal to pay to: pggs50@yahoo.com

Directions:

From San Jose – Hwy 101 south to Blossom Hill Road West.

Turn right on Almaden Expressway.

Turn right on Almaden Road, proceed 2 miles along Almaden Road through the town of New Almaden To Casa Grande on your left.

We will park here for van ride into the park. Bathrooms available at the start, but not during the 3 hour trip.

From Highway 17/880 at Los Gatos you can also access Blossom Hill Road.

Or take Hwy 85 or 87 south to access Almaden Expressway or Blossom Hill Road.

CO-OP MEMBER & OTHER FIELD TRIPS FOR 2011

Contact your club's field trip leader for further information and revisions. CO-OP website also has information:
www.ourfieldtrips.org (Password is needed.)

These trips are open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rockhounding. Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information. Remember to wear your name badge and sign in with the field trip leader. A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site, contact field trip leader for any further insurance requirements.

- August 13 Jade Cove, CA – for Jade – San Francisco Gem and Mineral Society, Barb Matz
- Aug. 27, 28 Meadow Lake, (Truckee area) CA for chalco & arsenopyrite, viewing petroglyphs.
El Dorado Co. Society, Fred Ott
- Aug. 27, 28 Colorback & Peacock Mines, Crescent Valley, NV for turquoise & other minerals.
Sequoia G & M Society, Duncan Penman
- Sept 9 – 11 Black Rock Desert, NV – for geodes, petrified wood, Christmas agate, and fossil leaves
- Napa Valley Rock and Gem Club, Heinz Dreier; and Garage Grinders, Scott Paradis
- Sept. 11 Grimes Pt./Fallon area, NV for jasper, agate, rhyolite. Amador Co. Society, Marty Carswell
- Sept. 15-17 Delta, UT areas for fossils and rocks. Fossils for Fun Society, Vicki Black
- Sept 17 Shell Beach, CA – for jasper and whalebone - Vallejo Gem and Mineral Society, Lori Palacio
- Sept. 18 Almaden Quicksilver Co. Park tour. Peninsula Gem & Geology Society, Ginger Wolnik
- Sept. 30 (Fri.) Gladding McBean Mine Tour, Lincoln, CA. Sun City LH Society, Ron Clawson
- Oct. 21-23 Fernley, NV for various minerals. Sutter Buttes Society, Gerry Hill
- Nov. 21-26 Location to be determined, annual Thanksgiving field trips. Mother Lode Society, Al Troglin.

12th Revision July 18, 2011

A CO-OP MEMBER FIELD TRIP TO MEADOW LAKE, CALIFORNIA

(date of publication 07-18-2011)

- * This trip is open to all rockhounds who agree to abide by the AFMS Code of Ethics, follow the directions of the field trip leader and practice safe rockhounding.
- * Call the field trip leader beforehand to sign up and for further information.
- * Remember to wear your name badge and sign in with the field trip leader.
 - * CO-OP website has information: www.ourfieldtrips.org (Password is needed).
- * A Consent and Assumption of Risk Waiver of Liability form must be signed upon arrival at meeting site.

TRIP LOCATION – Meadow Lake (Truckee area) California

Difficulty: Vehicle Access & Parking - #3, vehicle access and parking good for most vehicles and RV's although low-clearance vehicles are not recommended; no specific parking is available for those individuals with physical disabilities.

Collection or View Site - #5, 2 wheel vehicle parking on rough terrain or trail end

WHEN – August 27th and 28th, 2011

SPONSOR CLUB – El Dorado County Mineral and Gem Society

MEMBER'S GUESTS - Allowed

COLLECTION MATERIAL - Chalcopyrite and Arsenopyrite.

LEADER & CONTACT INFO – Fred Ott (530) 677-8440, fred@fredott.net

PROPOSED SCHEDULE – Saturday and Sunday: rockhound area and view petroglyphs

MEET – 10:00 am on Saturday, August 27th, at the campsite.

DIRECTIONS TO CAMP - Take I-80 from Sacramento to Truckee. Exit I-80 at Exit 188B, taking Highway 89 north towards Sierraville. Travel 14.2 miles to Webber Lake Road/Henness Pass Road (on the left side of Highway 89). Follow Webber Lake Road/Henness Pass Road to campsite (watch for signs).

VEHICLE REQ'S – Low-clearance vehicles are not recommended.

CAMP/FACILITIES – Meadow Lakes is entirely 'dry camping'.

TOOLS - **Rock pick, small sledge, small shovels, pry-bars, containers.**

SAFETY CONCERNS – possible snakes; mosquitos

CLIMATE/WEATHER – Potentially still very cold and/or wet weather.

CLOTHING - Bring both warm and cold weather clothing.

OTHER REMARKS – Do not attend this field trip without providing the Field Trip leader with contact information; the trip could be postponed because of inclement weather or other issues.



Field Trip to Colorback and Peacock Mines, Crescent Valley, NV

(Abridged description. Email or call Todd Lawson (todd.lawson@gmail.com) for a file with detailed information)

WHERE IS IT: Crescent Valley is about 270 miles northeast of Reno. All except the last 20 miles is on I-80. The town has a population of about 180 with a general store/gas station and a bar. The nearest motels, restaurants, and grocery stores are in Battle Mountain, 50 miles away. Jane Mason, owner of the Peacock mine, recommends that visitors fill up on gas in Battle mountain, as the general store sometimes runs out.

The area is highly mineralized, with mining activity back into the 1800's. Well known turquoise mines within 10 miles of Crescent Valley include Fox, Carico Lake, Blue Gem, Pixie, Orvil Jack, and Lander Blue. Today this is primarily a gold mining area.

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WHEN: Friday, 8/26/11 – Drive to Battle Mountain (motel residents) or Crescent Valley (campers).

Saturday, 8/27/11 – Meet at the Crescent Valley general store at 9AM. People staying in Battle Mountain should allow an hour for the drive to Crescent Valley.. We will caravan to the Colorback Mine. It's a gravel road but 4wd is reportedly not required. The digging fee for this group will be \$80/person, a 20% discount from the posted fee of \$100. For that fee, you can take away 1 full bucket of "high grade" material – that is, nuggets and clean seam material. You can also take as much "saw rock" as you wish. Saw rock, in turquoise talk, is seam material in host rock. Sanity check: on turquoise or variscite digs to other mines, I've considered 5 lbs of high grade material a good day's haul. A full 5 gallon bucket will hold 50-60 lbs. I'll be astonished if anyone finds a full bucket of high grade so that limit is pretty much a formality. I'll be happy with 5 lbs but will be looking for more.

The Colorback mine is really 2 adjacent claims. The mine is primarily known for it's variscite and chalcocite.

Variscite is green, usually with some spiderwebbing. Chalcocite is white to yellow, almost always with webbing.

One of the two claims also produces both blue and green turquoise.

Sunday, 8/28/11 – Meet at the Crescent Valley general store at 9AM. People staying in Battle Mountain should allow an hour for the drive to Crescent Valley.

Option 1, Peacock Mine. We will caravan to the Peacock mine. 4wd is a requirement. The digging fee is \$50/person, which includes your choice of the best half pound of material you find. You'll be charged \$100/lb for additional material beyond the first half pound. A different way of stating this is that by digging and selecting your own, you will get material at \$100/lb. The Masons retail their mine run, decent material, at \$250/lb. High grade material costs more. The Peacock mine is best known for its bright green spiderwebbed variscite. Most material comes in nuggets, ranging from kidney bean size to over a pound.

Option 2, a second day at Colorback. If you want to dig at Colorback for a second day for an additional \$80 fee, Michael Wright will be pleased to see you.

Monday, 8/29/11 Head for home.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Camping – Jane Mason (Peacock Mine) says that she and her husband have a large grassy area that visitors can use for dry camping. They also have a few full hookup spaces for RVs. I don't know what the fees, if any, are for these. She offered the space for anyone wanting to camp at Crescent Valley. I expect I will set up my tent there. She also said that there are decent dry camping places outside of town for those who want to be outside of town.

Motels – The three closest towns with motels are Carlin, population about 2000. Google lists 3 motels. 40 miles from Crescent Valley. Battle Mountain, population about 3000. Google lists 5 motels. Michael Wright and Jane Mason both suggest staying in Battle Mountain. 50 miles from Crescent Valley. Elko, population 18000. Google lists 14 motels. 60 miles from Crescent Valley.

A FEW MORE WORDS ABOUT THE MINES: At both mines we will be digging in tailings. These mines are open pits in hillsides where the normal operating method is to clear the overburden, then drill and blast the rock hillside. Heavy equipment is used to pull away the rubble. This rubble is the tailings in which nuggets or sections of seams can be found. Visitors such as ourselves are not allowed to dig directly in the walls of the pits. I expect Michael Wright at Colorback will pull out some fresh tailings for us and turn over some old piles to expose fresh material. Jane Mason told me that they will provide fresh tailings also and that one can easily collect a half pound of nuggets in 30 minutes just wandering around looking at the surface; I interpret that to mean that material is plentiful.

WHAT TO BRING trowel, rock pick, squirt bottle, collecting bag or bucket (these are essentials) 3 prong garden fork, small shovel, 3 lb sledge & chisels, 10 lb sledge hammer for boulders, and any other favorite items.
hat, sunscreen, gloves, hand lotion lunch, drinking water, more drinking water

I would like to hear directly from anyone who plans to attend as I have promised both mine owners a projected headcount a week before the trip. If you are looking for a ride or a passenger to share expenses, let me know that too.

Thanks,

Duncan Penman Sequoia Gem & Mineral Society

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BLM and Special Recreation Permits

By Ron Schiller

Prior to the accident in Johnson Valley, California where eight people were killed last summer during an off-road race, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) wasn't too concerned about requiring small groups participating in low impact noncommercial or noncompetitive activities on public land to obtain a special recreation permit (SRP). However, because of liability concerns, the BLM began implementing more stringent rules for every type of activity taking place on the public land within the BLM California Desert District. Unfortunately, there seems to be a lot of confusion among the five BLM Desert District field offices as to exactly what the rules are regarding the requirements to obtain a permit for various activities. According to the recreation planner in the Ridgecrest BLM Field Office, you will have to obtain a permit if you merely allow the public (nonmembers) to participate in your field trip but recreation planners in other field offices only require a permit if you advertise your field trip outside of your club newsletter or web-site or charge a fee to participate.

Because of these inconsistencies and confusion among organizations using public land for recreation, the BLM California Desert District Advisory Council has designated a Special Recreation Permit Subgroup to study the recreation permitting rules and process and report their findings to the advisory council who will ultimately make an advisory recommendation to the BLM for interpreting and implementing the recreation permit regulations. Subgroup meetings are open to the public and it is very important for groups such as rockhounds and others who participate in organized casual use events on public lands to be represented at the meetings. The outcome of the subgroup findings will likely determine how the rules will be interpreted by all the recreation officers in the BLM field offices within the Desert District.

BLM and Special Recreation Permits

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Currently, the national direction for recreation permits is contained in the BLM handbook H-2930-1 which was published in 2006. California BLM has published additional clarification of guidelines in the Special Recreation Permit Information Booklet, August 2007. It is important for rockhounds to make sure that the terminology used in the final rule interpretation accommodates our interests or we could have a very difficult time holding field trips in the future. For example, you do not need a permit if you only publicize field trips in your newsletters and on your own websites but what about LA Rocks? By definition, LA Rocks is a public mail list among other groups on Yahoo. An over-zealous recreation officer could easily determine that publicizing an event on LA Rocks is advertising to the public (page 8 of Special Recreation Permit Information Booklet). This is a fine line but we do not know who the recreation planners will be in the future or to what degree they will interpret the rules. For another example, the Special Recreation Permit Information Booklet indicates that a permit is required when an event takes place in a "Special Area". Included in the definition of a "Special Area" the booklet states, "An area for which BLM determines that the resources require special management and control measures for their protection." Is an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) or a Wilderness Study Area (WSA) considered a special area? Afton Canyon is an ACEC and the Cady Mountains are included in a WSA. A BLM recreation planner could easily argue that an ACEC is a "Special Area" and require a permit for any organized activity in the area. These examples are just a few of the issues that need to be resolved in this SRP Subgroup and spelled out in the final rules. For information regarding where and when the Special Recreation Subgroup meetings will be held, contact Roxie Trost, the Field Manager of the Barstow BLM Field Office via e-mail at rtrost@blm.gov or by telephone at (760) 252-6000.

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To understand how regulations are developed one has to understand that no agency of the Federal Govern-

ment has any authority to do any-thing unless that authority is given to the agency by Congress through some legislation. In this case the BLM cites the following as their author-ity to develop the regulations for the Special Rec-reation Permit process, 1) Federal Land Policy & Management Act of 1976 (sections 301 through 304), 2) Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act, 3) Office of Management & Budget, Circular No. A-25 Revised and 4) Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended 18 U.S.C. 3571, (fines & penalties). The online location for each of these authorities as well as the BLM handbook H-2930-1 and Special Recreation Per-mit Information Booklet, August 2007 are listed below. Anyone who is responsible for organizing or leading field trips on public land should at least read the Special Recreation Permit Information Booklet August 2007.

LIST OF AUTHORITIES SITED FOR SPECIAL RECREATION PERMITS

Federal Land Policy & Management Act of 1976 (see sections 301 through 304)
<http://www.blm.gov/flpma/FLPMA.pdf>

Office of Management & Budget, Circular No. A-25 Revised
http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/circulars_a025

Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act
http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/wo/Planning_and_Renewable_Resources/recreation_images/national_programs/recreation_fees__.Par.31345.File.dat/Recreational%20FeeLanguage.pdf

Land and Water Conservation Fund Act, as amended 18 U.S.C. 3571, fines & penalties
http://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/718/usc_sec_18_00003571----000-.html

ALAA Newsletter Apr-May-Jun 2011 GUIDELINES DEVELOPED BY BLM FROM ABOVE AUTHORITIES

Federal Register / Vol. 72, No. 34 / Wednesday, February 21, 2007 / Rules and Regulations
<http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2007/pdf/E7-2876.pdf>

Special Recreation Permit Information Booklet August 2007
<http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/ca/pdf/caso/publications.Par.23962.File.dat/SpecialRecreationPermit.pdf>

BLM handbook H-2930-1
http://www.blm.gov/pgdata/etc/medialib/blm/wo/Information_Resources_Management/policy/blm_handbook.Par.22509.File.dat/h2930-1.pdf

CFMS 2011 SHOWS

August 6-7 - SAN FRANCISCO, CA

San Francisco Gem & Mineral Society
Golden Gate Club
136 Fisher Loop, The Presidio of San Francisco
Hours: Sat. 10-6; Sun. 10-5
Carleen Mont-Eton (415)564-4230
Email: publicity@show.sfgms.org
Website: www.sfgms.org

September 2-5 - FORT BRAGG, CA

Mendocino Coast Gem & Mineral Society
Town Hall
363 N. Main St, (corner of Main & Laurel)
Hours: Fri-Sun 10-6; Mon 10-4
Jerry Sommer (707) 917-1833

September 17-18 - STOCKTON, CA

Stockton Lapidary & Mineral Club
Scottish Rite Masonic Center
33 W. Alpine Avenue
Hours: 10-5 Daily
Jan Bradley or Dorothy Tonnacliff (209) 629-3837
/ (209) 603-4539
Email: slmcshow@juno.com
Website: <http://www.stocktonlapidary.com>

September 24-25 - MONTEREY, CA

Carmel Valley Gem & Mineral Society
Monterey Fairgrounds
2004 Fairgrounds Road
Hours: Sat 10-6; Sun 10-5
Matt Biewer (831) 659-4156
Email: mattbiewer@aol.com
Website:



October 15-16 - ANDERSON, CA

Shasta Gem & Mineral Society
Shasta Distrist Fairgrounds
Briggs Street
Hours: Sat. 9-5; Sun. 10-4
Steve Puderbaugh (530) 365-4000; Cell (530) 604-2951
Email: steve@applyaline.com
Website: www.shastagemandmineral.com

October 15-16 - PLACERVILLE, CA

El Dorado County Mineral & Gem Society
El Dorado County Fairgrounds
100 Placerville Drive
Hours: 10-5 daily
Karen Newlin, (530) 676-2472
Email: info@rockandgemshow.org
Show Website: www.rockandgemshow.org

Stop Locking Up Millions of Acres of Public Lands with Presidential Proclamations

As you may recall documents were exposed last year regarding the Obama administration's apparent intention to misuse the Monument Proclamation to designate millions of acres. With the stroke of his pen Obama could lock up millions of acres of your public lands, or YOU CAN TAKE TWO MINUTES TO STOP HIM

Congressman Nunes (CA) has reintroducing his National Monument Transparency and Accountability Act (HR758). This much needed reform legislation will address a number of abuses possible in the current legislation, so President's will no longer be able to use the stroke of their pen to lock up millions of acres of your public lands. BUT WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT TO URGE CONGRESS TO PASS HR758.

<http://www.savethetrails.us/Default.aspx?PetitionID=51>

SUMMARY OF BILL

<http://www.savethetrails.us/Docs/OnePager-NationalMonumentTransparency2011.pdf>



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<http://www.ncgms.org/>

Nevada County Gem & Mineral Society Meetings

The Nevada County Gem and Mineral Society holds two meetings every month with certain exceptions. The membership is informed of exceptions during meetings and through Rock Writings. You are welcome to attend any meeting.

Executive Committee Meeting:

First Tuesday of the month, 6:00 p.m.
Golden Empire Grange Building
11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley, CA

**Tuesday, August 2,
2011**

General Membership Meeting:

First Tuesday of the month, 7:00 p.m.
Golden Empire Grange Building
11363 Grange Ct., Grass Valley, CA

Membership Dues: Yearly membership dues for NCG&MS are \$20.00 for singles and \$25.00 for families. For more information or an application, contact Membership Chairman Nancy Spurgeon. *Deduct \$5.00 if you receive your newsletter via email*

NCG&MS is a non-profit organization that has these objectives:

- ♦ to promote the study of mineralogy, geology and fossils.
- ♦ to encourage the collection of minerals and gems.
- ♦ to foster the study and practice of the lapidary arts.
- ♦ to provide field trips to mineral localities.
- ♦ to promote good fellowship, education and recreation.



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First Class Mail



August 2011

General Membership Meeting

**Tuesday, August 2, 2011
7:00-8:30 p.m.**

August Program

Annual rock and equipment auction!

**** Bring a Friend! ****