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President's Message

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First, let me thank all of you individuals and societies who have been loyal supporters of ALAA all these years.

We begin this coming year, 2021 -- celebrating ALAA who is now 30 years old. It seems like yesterday that Ed Romack, the AFMS president at that time launched a new independent organization dedicated to protecting our access to public lands. Ed was so concerned, he used his own money to have his attorney set up a non-profit organization in the state of Idaho. Submitting Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws for approval by the state.

Many things have happened over the years. A fledgling organization trying to get our bearings, not sure what to do and who to work with, Writing letters to officials, What kind of letters would get the attention of those government bodies who were making the rules on how our public lands would be utilized. We were asking for multiple use, but environmental organizations, with coffers full of money, were asking for severe restriction on 'disturbing the ground.'

It was in 2009, in Billings, Montana, that things began to happen. Dee Holland and I visited Blue Ribbon Coalition. A national off-road organization operating out of Pocatello, Idaho. We met Gregg Mumm, executive director, talked over our mutual dilemma -- keeping roads open on public lands and realized ... we both used the same roads, off-road folks for pleasure, and rockhounds to get to collecting sites. Gregg spoke to rockhounds at the Billings AFMS show and opened our eyes. How to comment on management proposals to govern our public lands, the right words to get the attention of managing bodies. Did you know 'rockhounds' are still not officially recognized by the federal government? more on this later,

In the same year at the California Federation show we met Amy Granat, managing director of CORVA, California Off Road Assn, A new bond was formed, with Amy showing us how and where to make the most impact on matters of concern to both off-roaders and rockhounds. Amy is a valuable ALAA director. We have membership in CORVA, and CORVA has membership in ALAA. Another organization who helped us sort through NEPA proposals was the NMOHVA, New Mexico Off Highway Vehicle Alliance. Joanne Spivack was instrumental in giving us a NEPA primer. And we have dual membership in NMOHVA also.

This year as you renew your ALAA membership, we are asking each and every 'rockhound' to pledge their support in keeping our public lands open for collecting. To do this we will all have to work at the local, state and federal level. We will need to partner with Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service people. We will have to police rock collecting areas, as people are not abiding by our AFMS Code of ethics. (see article on Hampton Butte in this issue to witness the destruction of the collecting area there, and what the Oregon Council (ALAA member) has done.we are all so proud of them)

More in the coming issues. Please contact gem and mineral societies/clubs in your area and urge them to join. THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS.....

Shirley, your very proud president.....

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OREGON COUNCIL OF ROCK & MINERAL CLUBS **HAMPTON BUTTE REMEDIATION PROJECT**

By Dave Williams – OCRMC President

By way of introduction, the Oregon Council represents 16 clubs statewide whose 1535 members enjoy recreational rockhounding on our public lands. Our mission is to advocate for access to collection areas and promote stewardship of the resources at these sites. As part of our stewardship efforts, we adhere to the AFMS Code of Ethics which prescribes a set of guidelines for responsible rockhounding. Two important elements of the Code state:

- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.

In order to advance the aims of these guidelines and implement the stewardship component of the Council's mission statement, we were looking for projects which would allow us to get some "Boots on the Ground". Our search resulted in a club member directing our attention to the Hampton Butte petrified wood site in central Oregon which has been extensively impacted by surface collection activities. A field inspection of the site with BLM staff revealed numerous shallow excavations which had not been filled. The affected area covered several acres open to both livestock and game. As the result of these observations, the Council decided to sponsor a remediation work party to address surface disturbance at the site. On September 28, 2019 eleven club members and three BLM staff met at Hampton Butte to fill as many of the digs as time allowed. This date was selected to coincide with National Public Lands Day. After a day's hard work and several changes in the weather, we were able to fill twenty to thirty excavations covering approximately ¼ acre. Our volunteers and BLM personnel were very pleased with the degree of participation and the amount of ground we were able to cover. Below are several pictures of the crew in action.



Dig site requiring remediation.



Crew after filling and leveling dig site.

Although we were only able to mitigate a small portion of the Hampton Butte collection area, we made a great start and developed a good working relationship with the local BLM staff. The Council is currently pursuing a formal partnership agreement with the

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BLM Prineville office and we are hoping to secure a permit to use a small garden tractor for future work. At a minimum, we want to make these remediation projects an annual or bi-annual event. As part of an educational outreach program, the Council is also looking at posting signage with the AFMS Code at various rockhounding locations. We also hope individual clubs will conduct "fill and level" projects for some of their local dig sites. I know my club, the Umpqua Gem & Mineral Club here in Roseburg, had a very successful work party to help restore one of our popular collection areas.



OCRMC and BLM work crew at Hampton Butte, OR

I want to thank all the volunteers from our member clubs who made the time to help out with this effort. I particularly wish to acknowledge Hidemi Kira for initially suggesting the Hampton Butte area for our first project. Last but certainly not least, thanks to the three BLM staff, Tom Beaucage, Michael Anderson and Kevin Weldon who made a significant contribution to our endeavor.



Recent Government Activities

by Bob Pattie
CMS Tumbler

The following items are the latest government activities that I have seen recently.

I just received the latest "Schedule of Proposed Action" (SOPA) for the Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest for the period of 10/01/2020 to 12/31/2020. This report had a few items of interest for the rockhounds.

First - The North Cascades Grizzly Bear Restoration project has been cancelled.

Second - The Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Pratt Wil and Scenic Rivers Comprehensive River Management Plan

is asking for comments by November 13, 2020. I believe that Glenn has already sent an e-mail regard this plan. It is located at the following webpage if you had missed Glenn's message: Web Link: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=53997>

Third - A new item labeled as "Locatable Mining Rule =- 36 CFR 228, subpart A is included. This covers all states and National Forest System and was reported in the Federal Register, and a draft EIS & proposed rule should be available for review/comment in late 2020. The expected decision would be 12/2021. This pretty much the same material I wrote about last month H.B. 2579, the difference is that this was written by the Forest Service and not by a politician and my first reading of this approach (the forest service) would be better for rockhounds. They both have the definition listed for causal collecting. **I will have more information on this activity when I get more details.**

Fourth - The Pacific Northwest National Scenic Trail project in on hold for the present time.

Most of the other items were completed or their plans have been updated, including the road 7222 project, part of 7222 will be closed and a short connection to 7224 put in place.

The second and separate article would be following.

When I was reviewing the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) if found the following under the DNR rockhounding section on where to collect in the State of Washington. I believe this is a change of position for DNR, a welcome sight, after many trips to Olympia and other meetings. A number of rockhounds including myself, have been presenting this position at our meetings with DNR personnel for the last 10 years or more. This means that rockhounds are able to do causal collecting without a permit on DNR trust land.

The web page for rockhound:

<https://www.wa.gov/rockhoundin#where-can-i-collect?>

1. and a discussion on "Where can I collect?" you can select DNR-Managed Lands you

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will find the following statement.

DNR manages two types of land:

State-owned aquatic land(the lands beneath navigable waters of the state);

2. State Trust land that the DNR manages in trust to provide revenue for various public institutions, including K-12 schools, universities, counties, and junior taxing districts.

The DNR authorizes non-commercial gathering of rocks/mineral/fossils for recreation, research, or educational purposes under the following conditions:

Individual recreational rock hounding/mineral collecting on State Trust lands is authorized without a permit;

2. Group recreational rock hounding/mineral collecting/educational activity is authorized by a non-exclusive landuse

license for a fee (Contact Ana Shafer for permit 253-569-2307);

3. DNR must have legal access which allows recreational use (e.g. do not block gates or roads);

4. Recreational rock hounding/mineral collecting is not allowed in or near typed waters; also, the activity must avoid special habitats per DNR's HCP (i.e., talus slopes, caves, cliffs, etc.); and

5. No mechanized equipment (or explosives) is allowed for exposing, collecting, or transporting rocks/minerals to a vehicle.

Gold panning is not allowed on State Trust lands. It may be authorized on State-owned aquatic lands, but the individual must obtain a use authorization from Aquatic Resources Division . If you get authorization, you will also need to have a copy of the Gold and Fish Pamphlet on you at all times.

The third and separate article would be the following.

On the DNR web site they have a section called "Home school help for the Washington Geological Survey". The web page address is:

<https://washingtonstategeology.wordpress.com/2020/04/27/home-school-help-from-the-washingtongeological-survey/> .

Do you have kids at home and you're looking for educational resources for learning about science? We have tons of cool information about Washington's geology to read about! Check out these pages!

This site has some: short videos, articles, charts, etc.

Subject: Middle Fork Snoqualmie and Pratt Wild and Scenic Rivers Comprehensive River Management Plan Date: October 14, 2020

**ALAA – DATA BASE OF COLLECTING SITES
BY STATES**

PRIVATE COLLECTING SITES

NAME OF SOCIETY/CLUB: _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____
Zip _____

Field Trip Leader:

Name: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____

Collected Material: _____

Name of Company, Ranch or Owner: _____

General Manager: _____

Contact Person: _____

Liability Insurance Requirement: Yes: _____ No: _____

Location (Address): _____

GPS: _____

Distance from your Club: _____

Frequency of leading trips to this location: _____

Number of attendance: _____

Day trip or Overnight: _____

Closest Town: _____

Groceries, gas, restaurants, motels, hardware stores or other impact on the town:

Other Comments for this site:

Date Filled in Form: _____

Please keep copy for your files, send a copy to fieldtrip@amlands.org

**ALAA – DATA BASE OF COLLECTING SITES
BY STATES
GOVERNMENT COLLECTING SITES**

NAME OF SOCIETY/CLUB: _____

Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____

Field Trip Leader:

Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Collected Material: _____

FOREST SERVICE _____ GRASSLANDS _____ BLM _____

Did you contact District Manager? Yes: _____ No: _____ Contact Name: _____

Did you have to register your group? Yes: _____ No: _____

Routes to the exact collecting site: _____

GPS: _____

Closest Town: _____

Groceries, gas, restaurants, motels, hardware stores or other impact on the town: _____

Other Comments for this site: _____

Date Filled in Form: _____

Please keep copy for your files, send a copy to fieldtrip@amlands.org

American Lands Access Association

30 Years of Helping Recreational Rockhounding

1991-2021

ALAA - WHO ARE THEY AND WHAT IS THEIR PURPOSE?

The American Lands Access Association, Inc. represents the rockhounding interests of 325 gem & mineral clubs/societies in 47 States and the District of Columbia.

In 1991, the President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies (AFMS) appointed a select committee to recommend ways to make the Federation more effectively responsive to the political challenges of increasing regulation and decreasing access to public lands that state and federal land management agencies were imposing on amateur fossil and mineral collectors. The committee recommended that the AFMS form a separate 501(c)(4) organization whose primary purpose would be to promote the amateur collectors' interests in present and proposed policies, rules, regulations and legislation with State and Federal land managers, elected officials and legislators. In compliance with that recommendation, the AFMS directors voted to establish the American Lands Access Association (ALAA) in July 1992 at their convention in Brunswick, Ohio. The association is a 501 (c)(4) (non-profit) organization which means that all moneys raised by the association can go toward lobbying activity. Donations and memberships to ALAA are not tax-deductible.

The purpose of the association is to promote and ensure the rights of amateur fossil and mineral collecting, recreational prospecting and mining, and the use of public and private lands for educational and recreational purposes; and to carry the voice of all amateur collectors and hobbyists to our elected officials, government regulators and public land managers. Their work began immediately! Within days of the July meeting, Senator Max Baucus (D-MT) introduced the Vertebrate Paleontological Resources Protection Act of 1992 into the U.S. Senate. If enacted, the legislation would have ended amateur fossil collecting on all public lands managed by the Federal government except under supervision of certain degreed paleontologists in "acceptable institutions."

ALAA has become an organization that is present wherever there are hobbyist and recreational users of our public lands whose interests and concerns are not being heard or are being jeopardized by proposed policy, regulation or legislation at the local, state and federal level. From defeating the Baucus Bill in 1992 to coordinating massive public protest to the proposed US Forest Service rules (withdrawn) and the Bureau of Land Management's RS (Revised Statutes) 2477 Rights-of-Way (rewritten), the ALAA has earned the respect of public officials from Washington, DC to state capitols across the country as the voice of the amateur and recreational users of public lands. The association has also formed working relationships with many other organizations fighting for private property rights and multiple use of public lands including the Blue Ribbon Coalition as well as treasure hunters, metal detectorists, fishing and hunting enthusiasts, and mining and timber interests. With this network of contacts, the Association reaches into every State and into every Congressional District in the country on a national level. That network provides a swift and effective response to issues brought to our attention.

On another level, many officers, directors and members of the association have developed ongoing working relationships with local, state and federal officials and legislators. This other network provides us with immediate access to and an impact on many proposals for changing regulations, policy or legislation before they become set in the concrete of implementation.

ALAA is also there when there are confrontations in the field and when proposals are made for expanding federal ownership of land such as publicizing and fighting the Heritage Corridor Act, and other attempts to establish additional wilderness areas under federal control.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO CONTINUE OUR STRUGGLE TO PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PUBLIC TO WHOM THEY BELONG! ADD YOUR VOICE TO OURS! JOIN ALAA NOW !

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"NEPA-For-Lovers"

Program at April 21-25, 2021,
AFMS/RMFMS Meeting in S. Jordan, Utah
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--- Well, it's really a program on "NEPA For Lovers of continued access to Forest Service and BLM lands in which to collect."

American Land Access Association (ALAA) is planning a program presentation at April's AFMS/RMFMS meeting in Utah on how to effectively engage the Forest Service and BLM when they conduct public meetings and seek comments on draft environmental documents that impact our access to collect on public lands.

It is the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and its new, revised, implementing regulations (Sept 24, 2020) that govern how those agencies must interact with the public when they propose major projects or wish to revise Forest Management Plans and associated Travel Management (access) Plans.

Dr. Ken Zahn of the Bozeman Gem and Mineral Club in MT, will review what NEPA requires of the Federal agencies and how best to provide powerful input to them when they seek public input or comments on their draft environmental impact and travel-access documents.

Ken has 25 years experience in applying the NEPA review process to Federal land projects and plans, and has both prepared and defended – as well as litigated -- Federal agencies over how they implement NEPA. He will discuss how the Forest Service/BLM typically conduct public meetings and NEPA reviews of draft documentation, how to provide key input during meetings at which access and recreation are discussed, and how to best give substantive comments to FS/BLM when draft project or planning documents are circulated for review.

Having a basic understanding of these processes will give you and your club members more confidence in making the voices of recreational rockhounds heard when those who seek to dominate the dialogue for a "lock-up" of the public lands strongly advocate for only "quiet and no-surface-disturbance" recreation.

Watch the next AFMS, ALAA, and Regional Federations' Newsletters for details on where/when the program will be presented at the combined April 2021 AFMS/RMFMS meeting (most probably Thursday evening or Friday morning, April 22 or 23). ALAA hopes you will encourage interested club-level representatives from within each Federation to attend both this always-fantastic Wasatch Gem Society show and this important and timely ALAA program.

Fieldtrip Journal for Public Lands *(Blank Forms are on Page 6 & 7)*

This is the simple Journal to document your Fieldtrip Activities and record the access routes needed to get to and from collecting sites. This data will be useful when asked to submit comments to Public Land Managers during the Public Comment Period on potential Public Land Access Closures proposals.

Your information could save your collecting sites from route closures and access restrictions.....

White Sands has the largest collection of fossilized human footprints.

White Sands National Park, New Mexico



Footprints are a common theme at White Sands. Every day, people from all over the world visit and leave traces of their comings and goings. The white dunes of the Tularosa Basin are just a recent blip on the geological timeline. During the ice age tens of thousands of years ago, a giant body of water called Lake Otero existed. The climate was wetter, and the vegetation was abundant. One could have seen grasslands stretching for miles that would have looked more like the prairies of Nebraska than New Mexico's deserts.

This paradise of lush green life naturally captured the attention of the larger animals of the ice age. Plant eaters of all kinds came to Lake Otero to feast on the grasses and trees of the Tularosa Basin. Large plant-eaters attracted fearsome predators of the ice age, such as dire wolves and the American lion. Throughout the ice age, these animals left their footprints along the wetlands of Lake Otero.

White Sands has the largest collection of fossilized human footprints. NPS Photo

Around 12,000 years ago, the earth's climate began to show signs of change. Areas once green and lush started transforming into the desert landscape we see today. Rainfall in the Tularosa Basin became rare, and the great Lake Otero began to dry. The once large body of freshwater became only pools of water scattered along the former lakebed. As the waters of Lake Otero dried, crystals began to form from the gypsum left behind by the evaporating lake water. The constant blowing of the wind broke down those large crystals into smaller crystals. This eventually formed the white sand dunes that gave this park its name.

Today we find fossil footprints of the animals that once lived here at White Sands more than 10,000 years ago. Scattered along the now dried lakebed are trackways and trample grounds of ancient camels and Columbian Mammoths. These fossilized footprints appear to gather around what may be ancient pools of water.



For 80 years, only a small collection of fossil footprints were known. However, a group of scientists noticed dark spots dotting the expanse of the lakebed that appeared to be footprints. Their curiosities lead them to dig up these odd dark spots. This led to the discovery of both Harlan's Ground Sloth and Paleo-Human footprints. During the 2010s,

Odd dark spots were discovered to be hidden footprints. Columbian Mammoth footprints are the most common. NPS Photo

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footprints of a dire wolf were discovered. These footprints were located next to ancient seeds. Scientists dated these seeds to more than 18,000 years ago.

The people, who once lived in the Tularosa Basin, left very little proof they lived here. Throughout the basin, pieces of stone flakes from toolmaking, arrowheads, and spear points have been found. However, these appear to be related to peoples who lived after the ice age. This is in contrast to the surrounding areas that are filled with items left behind from ancient peoples. The lakebed of Lake Otero seems to be almost devoid of a single artifact that dates to before the Spanish exploration in the 1500s, let alone the ice age.



*In a scene from the ice age, a woman holding a child on the shores of the ancient Lake Otero leave the footprints in the mud.
Courtesy of Karen Carr*

At White Sands, we find many remarkable tracks scattered across the lakebed. This includes a long track of human footprints that extends for long distances. While these footprints are ancient, scientists are still uncovering new evidence of past life. In 2018, researchers discovered what they believe to be the footprints of a female. They tell a story that may seem familiar today her footprints show her walking for almost a mile, with a toddler's footprints occasionally showing up beside hers. The footprints broadened and slipped in the mud with additional weight.

This suggests that she carried the child, shifting them from side to side and setting them down as they walked. Footprints across White Sands have been found coexisting and interacting with extinct ice age animals.

One set of footprints shows what appears to be humans stalking a giant sloth. This is shown by human footprints being found inside the footprints of the sloth as they were tracked. Currently, there is no evidence of a fruitful hunt, but this is not surprising. Most ice age hunts were not successful, with only one out of three hunts ending with a kill.

The ice age ended because of changes in the earth's climate. Environments once rich in lush green life began to disappear. The reason for the disappearance of the great beasts of the ice age is still debated among scientists. More than likely, it was the combination of both the changes in climate and the overhunting by skilled people. The fossilized footprints of White Sands are probably the most important resources in the Americas to the understanding of the interaction of humans and extinct animals from the ice age.

These fossilized footprints, among other natural and cultural features found in the dunefield, further propelled the movement to re-designate White Sands National Monument into White Sands National Park. As a massive landscape filled with history that stretches beyond points on our planet's geologic timeline, White Sands continually proves itself to be more than just a sandbox.



<https://www.nps.gov/whsa/learn/nature/fossilized-footprints.htm>

States Continue to Increase Recreational Access

As states continue to reopen from COVID-19 restrictions, they are increasing recreational access to roads, trails, picnic areas, restrooms, and wilderness. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) continues to work with federal, state, and local authorities to closely monitor the COVID-19 pandemic and use a phased approach to increase access on a case-by-case basis.

The following recreational areas reopened in October:

Bakersfield, CA – The Bureau of Land Management Bakersfield Field Office reopened the San Joaquin River Gorge Special Recreation Management Area in Fresno and Madera counties due to easing of wildland fire risk from the Creek Fire. The area reopened to the public on Oct. 25, for hunting, hiking, biking, horseback riding, and camping.

Bishop, CA – The Bureau of Land Management Bishop Field Office reopened a portion of public lands in Mono County that were closed due to the effects of the Slink Fire.

Doyle, CA – Up to 200 riders are expected to participate in a series of motorcycle races Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14-15, at the Fort Sage Off-Highway Vehicle Area near Doyle. Trail access will only be available to participants while the races are underway.

According to BLM, dry conditions due to a lack of precipitation this spring, above-normal temperatures, and mats of unburnt fuel from last year are resulting in an above-normal fire potential. BLM issued fire restrictions to the following areas:

Meeker, CO – The White River and Little Snake field offices, along with Moffat and Rio Blanco counties, reverted from Stage 2 to Stage 1 fire restrictions on Wednesday, Sept. 30. The Colorado River Valley Field Office and Kremmling Field Office in Eagle County remain in Stage 1 restrictions, while Kremmling Field Office in Grand, Jackson, Routt, and Summit counties remain in Stage 2 fire restrictions.

Lake Havasu City, AZ – Unusually warm and dry conditions persist in Arizona, and fire activity continues across the state. As outdoor recreation increases in the Colorado River District, public lands users are reminded that BLM lands in western Arizona remain under fire restrictions.

Las Vegas, NV – While conditions allowed statewide fire restrictions to change across the rest of the state, hot, dry weather remains in Southern Nevada and fire restrictions remain in place on public lands managed by Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, Clark County, Mt. Charleston Fire Protection District, National Park Service, Nevada Division of Forestry and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

George, AZ – Dry conditions have urged fire managers to remind the public that Stage 2 fire restrictions on public lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Arizona Strip District are still in effect.

Medford, OR – As the weather continues to stay warm and red flag warning persist, the Bureau of Land Management Medford District is reminding the public that we are still in Moderate Fire Danger and that public use restrictions are still in effect on BLM-managed lands in southern Oregon.

BLM has issued temporary closures for:

Medford, OR – In coordination with the incident commander on the South Obenchain Fire, the Bureau of Land Management is reducing the size of the public lands closure area related to the South Obenchain fire. Fire managers want to remind the public that suppression and repair activities are still ongoing and they have seen increased public activity in the burn area. Public access in and around the fire poses a safety concern for the public and firefighters.

Kremmling, CO – The Bureau of Land Management Kremmling Field Office issued an emergency closure for the North Sand Hills Special Recreation Management Area and other BLM lands near the Mullen fire. As the fire continues to spread in northwest Colorado, this closure will ensure public safety, allowing firefighters to focus on fire suppression efforts.

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Marina, CA – The Bureau of Land Management Central Coast Field Office extended the annual vehicle closure for the Panoche and Tumey Hills recreation areas in San Benito County to Friday, Nov. 13, due to extreme wildland fire danger. The vehicle closure may be lifted sooner if conditions allow and fire danger subsides. Both recreation areas remain open for hiking, hunting, and bicycling.

Wenatchee, WA – The BLM Wenatchee Field Office is scheduled to close the Umtanum recreation site on October 26, 2020, through May 14, 2021, for construction on the suspension bridge and parking lot paving.

Canon City, CO – Due to unseasonably dry conditions and extreme wildfire activity across the northern Front Range, all BLM-administered lands in Boulder and Larimer counties managed by the Royal Gorge Field Office will be temporarily closed to entry.

BLM has lifted fire restrictions for the following areas:

Spokane, WA – The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Spokane District has lifted the regulated fire closure on public lands administered by the BLM and the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) in eastern Washington. The termination of the regulated fire closure was effective on Sept. 30, 2020, at 12:01 a.m. in the following counties: Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Columbia, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Oreille, Spokane, Stevens, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima.

Vale, OR – In anticipation of more favorable weather conditions, Vale District Bureau of Land Management lifted fire restrictions effective Monday, Oct. 12. Campfires, charcoal grills, chain-saw use, and other industrial activities will again be allowed on Vale BLM-protected lands, including Bureau of Reclamation Lands along the Owyhee and Snake Rivers.

Hines, OR – With cooler temperatures and moisture in the forecast, officials from the Burns Interagency Fire Zone have lifted public use restrictions on the Bureau of Land Management administered lands in Harney County.

Redding, CA – The Bureau of Land Management Redding and Arcata Field Offices have eased some fire restrictions on northern California public lands, now allowing target shooting, campfires within designated campgrounds and recreation sites, and use of barbecues and portable stoves outside of campgrounds.

Moreno Valley, CA – The Bureau of Land Management reduced fire restrictions in some areas of public lands in Southern California managed by the California Desert District.

Lakeview, OR– The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Lakeview District lifted the fire restrictions in place on public lands administered by the BLM in south-central Oregon. The fire prevention order termination went into effect on Oct. 14. <https://arra-access.com/october-2020/>

Proposed Slate of Officers and Directors for 2021

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Gem and Mineral Dealers Who Support ALAA with Memberships



IDAHO ROCK SHOP

Tony and Chris Funk, of Idaho Rock Shop, Gooding, Idaho, will be at Desert Gardens, Quartzsite, AZ., in January 2021. You can find them in space AB22 at the east end of the front row. (Parking is usually available near the big shed building, at the east end)

When they are not in Quartzsite, you can find them at their rock shop -- call for an appointment at: 208-539-5368. Tony and Chris have a yard outside of town a little ways, that you are going to want to see...it has approximately 300 tons of rocks, with approximately 100 tons in the \$1.00 a pound rock pile. Arrangements for camping can be arranged.

NOTE: there is a cranky dawg who patrols the yard!



ROCKY FIVE

Rocky Five owner, Frank Mullaney, and his son, Lon and his wife Michelle have been in business for 38 years in San Jose, CA.

When club shows resume after the Covid they cater to families and love to see small children get excited about rocks. They have something for children of all ages from 2 to 102 with prices range from \$0.25 and up.

They also have an awards shop where they do badges for individuals and organizations (reasonably priced). If you are in need of a special award they are the company to contact. Check out their website at www.rockyfive.net to see samples of the awards.

ROCKY FIVE is also the home of the rockhound logo. Contact them for prices and availability of items. Wholesale welcome. Contact Frank at: 408-691-2656 or rockyfive.f@gmail.com



J.L. ROCK SHOP

Jim & Leane Gray, owners of J.L. Rock Shop in Marbleton, Wyoming will be open for business in Quartzsite, AZ at Tyson Wells, Space I-8 & 9 -- January 1st through February 7th, 2021. They carry rough rock, slabs, cabs, jewelry and so much more. They are dealers for: Diamond Pacific, Covington, LOTO Tumblers & Stellar Oil. At their shop in Marbleton, they emphasize material found in Wyoming, especially rocks no longer available for collecting.

(307)260-6443 jimgray@wyoming.com



PALEO ENTERPRIZES

Doug & Jeanette True will be open for business in Quartzsite, AZ on November 15, 2020. They are located in Prospectors Panorama, corner of US-95 and West Kuehn, across from Tyson Wells.

They carry a large supply of rough cutting material, custom jewelry, minerals, fossils and decorator items.

Something for everyone.



AMERICAN LANDS ACCESS ASSOCIATION

NEW MEMBERSHIP and ANNUAL RENEWAL FORM

PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION

Must be postmarked by December 31st of each year

Member / Contact Name: _____
Last First

Member / Contact Name: _____
Last First

Organization Name: _____

Address: _____
Street City State Zip Code

Mailing Address: _____
(if different from above) City State Zip Code

Phone Number: _____
Primary Secondary

Email Address: _____

Alternate Email address: _____

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

Dues are: **New Member:** **Donation:**
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Dee Holland passed away December 9, 2020. He was the last of a group of pioneers in the Northwest Federation. Dee, along with Ed Romack, John Spunaugle, Cliff Jackson, Dorothy & Glenn Lee and Richard Glissman all hung around together and created so many things we can all look back on with awe and reverence. The fellas were all involved in faceting, they were all involved in competitive rules and exhibiting, they were all involved in the formation of ALAA, American Lands Access Assn. Dee was NFMS president in 1987-88 and went on to be AFMS president, 1998, and finally in his later years, he was president of AFMS Scholarship Foundation.

His great love was judging competitive exhibits all over the regional federation shows, and worked hard to update the AFMS Rules. Along with Jay Bowman, they created the first program of bringing people from all the regional federations to Wildacres for a week-long seminar of teaching how to judge competitive exhibits. Both Dee and Jay always said, 'you are not a judge, YOU are a teacher.'

Dee had been in bad health for many years, but he leaves a legacy we will not soon forget.

R.I.P.

Shirley Leeson, AFMS President 2008

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A giant, Ed Romack past president of the Northwest and the president of AFMS at the time ALAA was organized, believed this organization was so important to the future of rock collecting on Public Lands, he put up the money for a lawyer to create Articles of Incorporation, and bw-laws, getting it done in Idaho. Jon Spunaugle was another giant....He supported this project and had friends in high places.

These are only the first two who has supported Land Use policies.

shirley Leeson,
ALAA President 2020