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## President's Message

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### **"Montana Treasures"**

**American Federation of Mineralogical Societies Show and Convention  
Hosted By**

**Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies**

***August 3-6, 2023***

Billings Hotel and Convention Center  
1223 Mullaney Lane  
Billings, Montana

The Annual AFMS Show & Convention is always looked forward to. This year the national event will be in the Pacific Northwest in the region of the NFMS. Billings Montana Gem & Mineral Club is sponsoring the event. There will be field trips, special programs, special exhibits, display exhibits, raffles, silent auctions, kid's games and prizes. ALAA will be holding it's annual meeting there, so come and see us.

There is a lot to see in the area: Pictograph Cave State Park; Zoo Montana-a zoological/botanical garden, Little Bighorn Battlefield is just sixty miles southeast of Billings. Pompeys Pillar is about thirty miles northeast of the city, Museum of the Rockies, Taylor Planetarium and Siebel Dinosaur Complex is housed in Bozeman. Butte boasts the World Museum of Mining "Where History Tells a Story." Traveling east, is Makoshika State Park with badland formations and fossils of dinosaurs.

More information will be coming available soon, so be sure to check the AFMS, NFMS and Billings Gem & Mineral Club websites.

We look forward to seeing you there!

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# News from California

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### **Hello Rock and Mineral Collectors.**

**Management planning for the Mojave Trails National Monument (MTNM) is now fully funded, and moving fast. If the plan does not allow for mineral and rock collecting we will lose 1.6 million acres of the California Desert.**

### **Background**

The Monument includes the Cady Mountains and adjacent collecting areas, the Mesquite Hills, the Bagdad-Chase area and southern Bristol Mountains, the Lava Hills, the Marble, Clipper, Piute, Little Piute, Sacramento, Ship, Calumet, Sheephole, and Iron Mountains, Homer Mountain, and Danby Dry Lake.

We are on two tracks right now. One is the actual management plan that BLM Needles has started, with its NEPA law requirement of public participation. In the future, there will be meetings for public comment on activity-level items like the road network. Currently, MTNM Partners have input into the plan. These include JTNP, MNP, 29 Palms city and military base, Conservation Lands Foundation, and the Mojave Desert Lands Trust.

The other track is the MTNM Subgroup of the **Desert Advisory Committee (DAC)**. The Subgroup will make recommendations on MTNM to the DAC, who will make a recommendation to the BLM MTNM management team. This is a path to recommend:

1. Collecting to be allowed and
2. Access via current roads.

### **Subgroup, ALAA and CFMS activity**

With mineral displays at the Needles DAC meeting and in the field at the Cady Mountains, for the Subgroup's first field trip, the Subgroup and DAC members have been informed about our hobby and science. To show how little impact occurs with responsible collecting, the Subgroup took a walk through the Cadys where collecting has occurred since the 1930's. A demonstration of Marek's Chorazewicz's and other's work with zeolites in volcanics, and descriptions of how most mineral collecting in the MTNM (outside of the Cadys jasper and adjacent agate/jasper areas) is mostly done at previously disturbed areas/mines, also showed the small impact, and of micromounters in particular. Recent finds of caledonite, vanadinite, diopside in the MTNM were examples of why mines are important for future discoveries. The members were informed, along with the MTNM manager Noelle Glines Bovio and Needles BLM manager Mike Ahrens, about how the SCFM, MSSC, PMC, and collectors are all integrated into the science and education of mineralogy. Examples were the path that some minerals take to be eventually analyzed by Tony Kampf, Stu Mills, and Bob Housley. The educational work done by Don Buchanan for the SCFM and Rudy Lopez for the MSSC were examples of

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what our communities offer, along with the tables at club's shows for children. They learned of the types of collecting (lapidary, mineral, fluorescent etc). and of the types of clubs and their activities. Also some of the rich history of a hobby for families at historic collecting areas in the MTNM and the work of the **California Federation of Mineralogical Societies (CMFS)** and **American Lands Access Association (ALAA)** in refining Collecting Codes of Conduct/Ethics and a consensus on collecting limits.

**The Cady Mountains:** This is the premier destination of our rock and mineral collecting clubs for world class agate and jaspers. Also silicified reeds, calcite, aragonite, quartz crystals, barite, strontianite, gypsum spar, large botryoidal manganese, and fluorites. The Cadys continue to be interesting with new finds of localities for mineral species. The Recreational Rockhounds have been very vocal in the MTNM process regarding the Cadys, and their successes in the 13 years of WEMO/WMRNP continue to give us access there.

## **ISSUES**

Roads and access. Because of the interaction and timeline of the current Travel Management Plans and the Monument's proclamation, we might lose very few roads.

**Localities:** The normal BLM casual use collecting rules across the MTNM is not an option, we have to submit localities and they will need to be designated for that use. Many collectors are reluctant to share localities, but we have reached the point of do or die and I think there is a path to do this without being overly specific as to locations.

## **CRITICAL**

My role on the Subgroup is to get a recommendation to the DAC to allow collecting in the MTNM. If collecting is prohibited in the MTNM, the tool will be the lack of distinction in the law (not the regulations) between collecting and mining. If anyone is an expert in this area please contact me ASAP. [gregor.losson@amlands.org](mailto:gregor.losson@amlands.org)

## **YOU**

Please feel free to contact me with advice, criticisms, questions etc. ALAA will keep you informed when it's time for public comment. Feel free to contact MTNM manager Noelle Glines Bovio [nglinesbovio@blm.gov](mailto:nglinesbovio@blm.gov)

Please begin to think about what you personally would like to submit in a letter to support our Subgroup's recommendation, and document your localities. This will also prepare you for the public comment period.

## **Fieldtrip Journal for Public Lands** **(Blank Forms are on Page 4 & 5)**

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..... Forms are also available on the ALAA Website (3 Forms): <http://www.amlands.org/437345.html>

**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:

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Other Comments for this site:

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Date Filled in Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep copy for your files, send a copy to [fieldtrip@amlands.org](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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GPS: \_\_\_\_\_

Closest Town: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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Other Comments for this site:

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**Words Of Wisdom**  
**For Recreational Rockhounds**  
**While enjoying the Great Outdoors on your Public Lands**  
**Managed by the BLM and USFS and States**

**SNAKE SEASON IS HERE**  
**"SNAKE BITE FIRST AID"**

- 1** Stay calm, get safely away from the snake, and have someone call 9-1-1 (or the emergency number in your area). The less the victim moves the bitten site, the less likely the venom will be spread through the body and cause damage.
- 2** Have the victim lie down with the affected limb lower than the heart. Keep the limb immobilized. If practical, splint the limb.
- 3** Treat for shock and preserve body heat.
- 4** Remove any rings, bracelets, boots, or other restricting items from the bitten extremity. (*It WILL swell.*)
- 5** Apply a light constricting band about 2" above and below the bite, however never place the bands on either side of a joint (such as above and below the knee or elbow). This band should be made up of wide, soft material, which could be a handkerchief or shredded clothing. The band should only be as tight as the band the nurse applies when taking a blood test.
- 6 NOTE:** The purpose of constricting bands is to restrict lymphatic flow, not blood, so they should not be too tight. Check pulses below the bands and readjust the bands as necessary when they tighten due to swelling.
- 7** Wash the bite with soap and water (if available).
- 8** If the victim has to walk out, sit calmly for 20-30 minutes to let the venom localize at the site, then proceed calmly to the nearest source of help and try to avoid unnecessary exertion which will stimulate circulation of the venom.
- 9** Get the victim to definitive medical care for antivenin, which will provide the greatest relief from the toxic effects of the bite.
- 10** Bring in the dead snake only if this can be done without risk of further injury. Do not waste time hunting for the snake, and do not risk another bite if it is not easy to kill the snake. Be careful of the head when transporting it -- a dead snake can bite from reflex for up to an hour.

**ACTIONS TO AVOID:**

- 1** DO NOT cut the bite. The additional tissue damage may actually increase the diffusion of the toxins throughout the body.
- 2** DO NOT apply a tourniquet. Such action can result in the loss of the limb.
- 3** NEVER try to suck out the venom by mouth. You can try the suction cup in a snakebite kit if it doesn't delay other needed treatment. Suctioning seldom provides any measurable advantages, however.
- 4** Do not apply cold and/or ice packs. Recent studies indicate that application of cold or ice makes the injury much worse.

The recommended treatments presented are those published in the current edition of Brady's Emergency Care for the Sick and Injured, the standard training and procedures manual for Emergency Medical Technicians.

***This is for informational purposes and no liability is assumed in its use.***

## **The Mojave Trails National Monument News from the BLM**

Good day all-

I would like to let you know that the BLM is expecting to publish the Notice of Intent to plan for the Mojave Trails National Monument. The notice is expected to publish in the Federal Register within the next few weeks. The BLM has been working on our pre planning contracts and wants to make sure that those who asked for this notification received it. The notice will be going out on a Friday, that is a general rule. Once that notice is out the BLM will be sending out a news blast with scoping meeting information. Information will also be added to the eplanning site that will go live about the same time. Provided below is the BLM California web page.

<https://www.blm.gov/california>

Thank you,

Noelle Glines-Bovio  
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Monument Manager  
BLM, Needles Field Office  
Department of Interior, Region 8  
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# Recreational Rockhounding

## As defined in the

### United States Code of Federal Regulations

43 CFR § 8365.1-5 Property and resources.

(a) On all public lands, unless otherwise authorized, no person shall;

- (1) Willfully deface, disturb, remove or destroy any personal property, or structures, or any scientific, cultural, archaeological or historic resource, natural object or area;
- (2) Willfully deface, remove or destroy plants or their parts, soil, rocks or minerals, or cave resources, except as permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph; or
- (3) Use on the public lands explosive, motorized or mechanical devices, except metal detectors, to aid in the collection of specimens permitted under paragraph (b) or (c) of this paragraph.

(b) Except on developed recreation sites and areas, or where otherwise prohibited and posted, it is permissible to collect from the public lands reasonable amounts of the following for noncommercial purposes:

- 1) Commonly available renewable resources such as flowers, berries, nuts, seeds, cones and leaves;
- (2) Nonrenewable resources such as **rock and mineral specimens, common invertebrate and common plant fossils, and semiprecious gemstones;**
- (3) **Petrified wood** as provided under subpart **3622** of this title;  
**Subpart 3622—Free Use of Petrified Wood**
- (4) Mineral materials as provided under subpart **3604**; and  
**Subpart 3604—Free Use of Mineral Materials**
- (5) Forest products for use in campfires on the public lands. Other collection of forest products shall be in accordance with the provisions of Group **5500** of this title. **PART 5500—NONSALE DISPOSALS; GENERAL**

(c) The collection of renewable or nonrenewable resources from the public lands **for sale or barter to commercial dealers may be done only after obtaining a contract or permit** from an authorized officer in accordance with part **3600** or **5400** of this chapter.

**PART 3600—MINERAL MATERIALS DISPOSAL**

**PART 5400—SALES OF FOREST PRODUCTS; GENERAL**

[48 FR 36384, Aug. 10, 1983; 67 FR 68778, Nov. 13, 2002; 75 FR 27455, May 17, 2010; e-CFR data is current as of October 18, 2019]

**Subpart 8364— Closures and Restrictions** [Read them here..](#)

**Electronic Code of Federal Regulations:** [43 CFR....](#)

Do **you** have a definition of "**Recreational Rockhounding**"? If you do please let us know, we would really like to see your definition... [info@amlands.org](mailto:info@amlands.org)



## THE DINOSAUR

"Behold the mighty dinosaur,  
Famous in prehistoric lore,  
Not only for his power and strength  
But for his intellectual length.

You will observe by these remains  
The creature had two sets of brains --  
One in his head (the usual place),  
The other at his spinal base.

Thus he could reason 'A priori'  
As well as 'A posteriori'.  
No problem bothered him a bit,  
He made both head and tail of it!

So wise was he, so wise and solemn,  
Each thought filled just a spinal column.  
If one brain found the pressure strong,  
It passed a few ideas along.

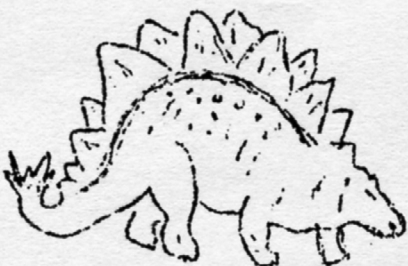
If something slipped his forward mind  
'Twas rescued by the one behind.  
And if in error he was caught  
He had a saving afterthought.

As he thought twice before he spoke  
He had no judgment to revoke.  
Thus he could think without congestion  
Upon both sides of every question.

Oh, gaze upon this model beast,  
Defunct ten million years at least."

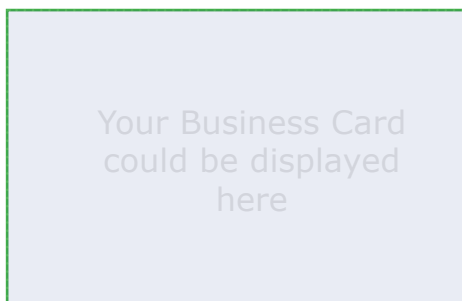
- by the late Bert L. Taylor

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DID YOU KNOW the skeletal remains  
of dinosaurs have been found on  
every continent along with an as-  
sortment of their footprints?

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Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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