

Hatrockhound Gazette 2024

PO Box 1122, Hermiston, Oregon 97838



**Meetings at 6:30 on the 2nd
Tuesday of each month
First Christian Church of
Hermiston:
775 West Highland
(Go to back of church)**

**President - Doug Gill
V. Pres. - Mike Filarski
Secretary - Jessica Millard
Treasurer - Mel Lambert
Members at Large - Louise
Lambert, Laura Tiffany**

Contact Numbers: Mike 541-571-2593, Judi 541-720-4950

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**Hatrockhounds Gem and Mineral Society is Affiliated with:
The Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies
And The American Federation of Mineralogical Societies**



AFMS Rockhounds "Code of Ethics"

- I will respect both private and public property and will do no collecting on privately owned land without permission from the owner.
- I will keep informed on all laws, regulations or rules governing collecting on public lands and will observe them.
- I will, to the best of my ability, ascertain the boundary lines of property on which I plan to collect.
- I will use no firearms or blasting material in collecting areas.
- I will cause no willful damage to property of any kind such as fences, signs, buildings, etc.
- I will leave all gates as found.
- I will build fires only in designated or safe places and will be certain they are completely extinguished before leaving the area.
- I will discard no burning material - matches, cigarettes, etc.
- I will fill all excavation holes which may be dangerous to livestock.
- I will not contaminate wells, creeks, or other water supplies.
- I will cause no willful damage to collecting material and will take home only what I can reasonably use.
- I will practice conservation and undertake to utilize fully and well the materials I have collected and will recycle my surplus for the pleasure and benefit of others.
- I will support the rockhound project H.E.L.P. (Help Eliminate Litter Please) and will leave all collecting areas devoid of litter, regardless of how found.
- I will cooperate with field-trip leaders and those in designated authority in all collecting areas.
- I will report to my club or federation officers, Bureau of Land Management or other authorities, any deposit of petrified wood or other materials on public lands which should be protected for the enjoyment of future generations for public educational and scientific purposes.
- I will appreciate and protect our heritage of natural resources.
- I will observe the "Golden Rule", will use Good Outdoor Manners and will at all times conduct myself in a manner which will add to the stature and Public Image of Rockhounds everywhere.

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Tuesday, September 10th, 5:00 pm

Come Create a Wire Wrap Bracelet



Sandra Bryant will walk us through the process. There will be a \$5.00 charge for materials. (If you have wire cutters, needle nose and chain nose pliers, please bring them. If not, Sandra will have some extra.)

Please let Judi know if you plan to do this activity so Sandra can have an idea of needed material. (You can text 541-720-4950 or email jms46@outlook.com)

Note: if you decide not to make the bracelet, the regular meeting will begin at the usual time: 6:30 pm

(My notes say that Judi and Laura are in charge of treats 😊)

BLM Website Has Rockhounding Info

By John Martin, PLAC Chair California Federation of Mineralogical Societies From the April, 2024 CFMS Newsletter "Rockhound Soap Box" Feature Via MWF News Midwest Federation September 2024 - Issue No. 634

On February 29, 2024, an email was sent out from the federal Bureau of Land Management District in El Centro, California, telling about a new webpage for recreational rockhounding on public lands. The address is www.blm.gov/programs/recreation/rockhounding.

The page, "Rockhounding on Public Lands," includes FAQ and a Guide to Collecting on Public Lands, as well as more specific information about rockhounding and/or all public-land recreation activities in several states.

The guide to collecting on public lands, "Can I Keep This?", gives specific methods that may be used and specified quantities of forest and mineral items that may or may not be collected on all federal lands.

The website contains very good information and the rockhounding community needs to engage in a way to take action so as to increase the awareness of recreational rockhounding on public lands!

To find out if your state's federal lands are listed, look at the list of named states on the right side of the page. A couple of those states have relaxed guidelines, within the boundaries of the federal rules. Others are more restrictive, and most states aren't even named. The guidelines in "Can I Keep This?" give rules for all federal lands. If your state is not listed, you need to contact the BLM in your state and ask that it be included. Work with the land managers to help insure that the recreational rockhound does not go the way of the passenger pigeon. As many recreational rockhounds as possible need to do this and make their voices heard by federal land managers. Recreational rockhounding needs to be listed as a recognized recreational activity in as much detail as reasonable. This needs to be done on individual, club/society, regional federation, and national (AFMS) levels. Make the voice of the recreational rockhound heard!

I am off my soap box and my rant is over. The sphere is in your court.

No August Meeting, So No Minutes

Around 25 people, including three from the Lakeside Club, joined our picnic on August 17th. There was lots of good food and Gordon didn't disappoint with three favors of ice cream. Thanks, everyone for all you goodies. If you weren't there you missed some great homemade salads, Tarah and Jayson's meatballs, Jonnie's brownies and Mike's beans, just to name a few. Of course we had fried chicken and great company. Everyone enjoyed the collection of silent auction rocks for sale. Our silent closed bid auction took on a simpler process, thanks to Mike's idea. Maybe we will keep it around. To those who didn't make it, sorry you missed the fun. Maybe next year we will try for a Sunday afternoon and see if that would be better.

