



SEPTEMBER MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Morrison with 27 members present. No Speaker is scheduled for tonight, for the October meeting, Pam Stiles from BLM will be in to talk about claims and answer questions.

Stan Lang wasn't available for the Treasurer's report; according to Bob the Club has \$600+ in checking.

Bob Morrison reported that Don Shaffer from Mills, WY is considering opening up his claims on Muddy Creek for use by the Cheyenne Chapter members. The approximate fees that will be charged are \$10 for panning/slucing and \$25 for use of motorized equipment. No final details are ready at this time; Bob will get together with Don and get the paperwork ready for next season.

Don Shaffer and Bob Morrison picked up a claim on the Douglas Creek which may be opened up to the club members after a year or so.

CARRISSA RECLAMATION BEGINS

The State of Wyoming has taken possession of the Carrissa Mine in Fremont County. Work contracts have been let and construction begun to mitigate environmental concerns at the historic mine. A side shaft, which lies close to the South Pass road, has had its entrance permanently sealed to stop erosion which threatened the road. The mine buildings on the site are being repaired and visitor walks are being installed. Upon completion of the work in 2006 the site will be turned over to the Wyoming Department of State Parks and Cultural Resources. The Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality is overseeing the reclamation work. For more information go to deq.state.wy.us and click on Abandoned Mine Land. End

BLM INCREASES CLAIM FEES

Washington 1Sep2005,

Today the Bureau of Land Management published in the Federal Register new regulations to increase the costs of mining claims. Effective 1 September 2005 mining claim holders must pay a \$30 location fee and a \$125 maintenance fee for all mining claims and sites recorded on or after June 30, 2005. In addition, the annual maintenance fee due on or before September 1, 2005, is \$125 per mining claim or site. The new fees are an increase of \$5 for the location fee and \$25 for the maintenance fee. If a claimant has pre-paid their location and maintenance fees prior to 1 September 2005 then that claimant has 30 days to pay the difference between the old fees and the new fees.

BLM ANNOUNCES CLOSURE

On Sep 19 the BLM published in the Federal Register; Notice of Closure of Public Lands to Motorized

Vehicle Use

The BLM has decided to close lands in Fremont County, Wyoming, to all types of motor vehicle use. This closure affects public lands located within Fremont County on the National Historic Trails in the area known as Rocky Ridge. The closure area extends for approximately 2 miles from near the Lower Monument over Rocky Ridge to the western edge of the BLM-administered public land in Section 28, T29N, R97W.

This closure will be effective June 20, 2005, in accordance with the Environmental Assessment and Decision Record (March 28, 2005).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray Hanson, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Bureau of Land Management, 1335 Main Street, P.O. Box 589, Lander, Wyoming 82520. Mr. Hanson may also be contacted by telephone: 307-332-8420. End

WASHINGTON RELEASES STUDY

The Washington State Department of Ecology has released a report titled Effects of Small-Scale Gold Dredging on Arsenic, Copper, Lead, and Zinc Concentrations in the Similkameen River. The study was completed in March 2005. The conclusions of the report are of interest to us; "Results of this study show that the concentrations of arsenic, copper, lead, and zinc discharged from small-scale gold dredges operating in the Similkameen River are not a significant toxicity concern for aquatic life. Although this activity will exacerbate the exceedances of the arsenic human health criteria that already occur, it would take very large numbers of dredges to effect a 10% change in the river's arsenic levels, even at low-flow conditions."

The complete report is available in PDF format and can be downloaded free from www.ecy.wa.gov/biblio/0503007.html.

Italics are mine. End

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bob Morrison

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Meeting: Tuesday Oct 4, 7 p.m. Sandalwood's Restaurant, Holliday Inn.

Guest speaker: Pam Stiles, BLM on Wyoming Opals and Uranium

GOLD AND OTHER PRECIOUS METALS IN WYOMING—W. Dan Hausel: Rocky Mountain Prospectors and Treasure Hunters Club, Fort Collins, Colorado, October 5, 2005 at 7 p.m.

Chapter Meeting: Tuesday Nov 1, 7 p.m. Sandalwood's Restaurant, Holliday Inn.

Chapter Meeting: Tuesday Dec 6, 7 p.m. Sandalwood's Restaurant, Holliday Inn.

GEOLOGY OF WYOMING'S GEMSTONE DEPOSITS—W. Dan Hausel: Arvada Gem & Mineral Society, Arvada Senior Center, Arvada, Colorado, March 11, 2006, 7:30 pm

WEBSITES OF INTEREST

The BLM has a website where you can check on gold claims.
Go to www.blm.gov/Lr2000 (Note: This BLM site is still down)

Wyoming Geological Survey www.wsgs.uwyo.edu

The Perth Mint of Australia www.perthmint.com Click on 'Natural Gold Nuggets' then click on 'About Nuggets and Gold' for some interesting facts.

Garmin GPS products go to www.garmin.com
Magellan GPS products go to www.magellangps.com

My website www.geocities.com/psomontes/

CLUB STORE

Coffee mugs \$ 5.00 Green pocket T-shirt \$16.00
No pocket T-shirt \$ 9.00 Other color pocket T-shirts \$10.00
GPAA mesh caps \$ 7.50 Chapter caps \$12.00
Green gold pan \$10.00 Black gold pan \$ 8.00
Classifier \$10.00 Scoop \$ 7.00
1/2 oz. vial \$.35 ea. or 3/\$1.00
1 oz. vial \$.40 ea. or 3/\$1.00
Suction tweezers \$.40 Snuffer bottle \$ 3.00
KITS (pan, sand, vial, snuffer)
Black pan \$15.00 Green pan \$17.00

U.S.F.S. REQUESTS COMMENTS

On Sep 20 the following notice was published in the Federal Register; Shoshone National Forest, Wyoming, Revised Land and Resource Management Plan Forest Service, USDA. [[Page 55103]]

The Forest Service will revise the Land and Resource Management Plan (hereafter referred to as the Forest Plan) for the Shoshone National Forest, WY. This notice describes documents available for review and how to obtain them; summarizes the need to change the Forest Plan; provides information concerning public participation; and includes the names and addresses of agency officials who can provide additional information. To be most beneficial to the planning process your comments on need for change should be submitted by October 21, 2005. The documents are available at; http://www.fs.fed.us/r2/shoshone/projects/planning/revision_index.shtml or by request. >>>

The revision process for the Shoshone National Forest officially begins in September 2005 with the

publication of this notice of initiation in the Federal Register. A draft revised forest plan will be published in April 2007. The final revised forest plan will be issued for pre-decisional review in April 2008. Final plan approval is planned for September 2008.

Responsible Official: Rebecca Aus, Shoshone National Forest Supervisor at 808 Meadow Lane Ave, Cody, WY 82414-4549. [FR Doc. 05-18689 Filed 9-19-05; 8:45 am] End

PROSPECTOR'S CACHE

Felix Paydirt Gourmet Gold. Club member John Eggleston is taking orders for the 2 LB bag of Felix Paydirt. John orders a case of 10 bags at a time and receives one free bag which the club uses as a raffle item. The bags are \$45 (\$40+\$5 Shipping). If you would like to order a bag or two, Contact John at 635-0229

Quartz epidote crystals hand dug from the Fox Park area. Each crystal has been hand dug, polished and mounted in either a pair of earrings or as a necklace. Buy separately or buy them as an earring/necklace set. Assorted styles are available: \$10-15.

Call Louise Morrison 632-7895, Lmrr3964@aol.com

For Sale: White's Metal Detector w/power pack and case.

Call Bob or Louise Morrison, 307-632-7895

Center latch louvered tailgate. Fits late model Chevy or

GMC, cost \$313, sell for \$150. Front mount receiver hitch. Fits most late model trucks & SUV's, half price, \$50.00

Call Francis Oline, 307-634-1133.

2" Proline Floating Dredge, \$750.

Call Dallas Lake 307-649-2321

For Sale: Keene 4" triple sluice, jet flare dredge, (model 4505PH). Like brand new, less than 20 hrs. use.

Includes 6.5 hp Honda: \$2000 (Compare to new \$2875 from Keene) Includes the extras of swivel nozzle (3" reduction, legal in Wyoming), 100' air hose, expansion air tank, regulator (\$470 value in the extras).

Keene A52 sluice box, \$50 - used twice. New price is \$99.95 on the internet.

4 gold pans (two GPAA type, one blue Proline pan, one black pan) \$2.00 each.

Mini cleanup sluice (Tom & Perry's) \$10.

5 gallon buckets - free -(come get them out of my shed).

Some small misc stuff I'll give away - pump for recirculating mini sluice, mallet, some small digging tools, etc. Last but not least - LDMA Membership - sells for \$3500 at the gold shows - all that's needed is to get it transferred to your name: \$3000.

Call Mike Hayes (307) 640-4378

If you have items for sale, contact Peggy Stumpf at 307-632-9945 or email her at circlestar@Yahoo.com

OR

Email Peter Somontes at psomontes@Yahoo.com to have your ad placed here.

Your ad will also be placed on the Chapter website.