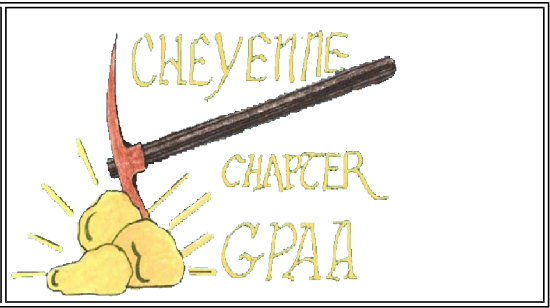




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DECEMBER MINUTES

Lee Beatty opened the meeting at 7:15. The meeting was held at Perkins restaurant and they would like us to meet there each month. The issue was put to a vote and passed by unanimous consent.

The club decided to sponsor two children for CASA and we were able to collect \$215. Don Ashley suggested the club should send Heather Campbell a care package while she is over seas with the military and club members were able to donate \$66. Heather should be back home towards the end of January. Thanks to everyone who gave.

It was announced that the state GPAA president would like to hold another state outing.

On a sadder note; Ken Wilcox's mom passed away last month.
 Louise Morrison was back in surgery to clear up some complications.
 Pete Somontes's wife Ellen had a stroke on 23 Dec and is at Cheyenne Regional Medical Center.
 The meeting was closed at 7:45.

NEW MEETING PLACE!

The January meeting will be held at the Perkins Restaurant in the Target Shopping Center, Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne at 7 PM.
Exit I-25 at Central, turn left at the first traffic light and take the first right. Turn right at the light (Yellowstone Rd.) and then left at the next traffic light (Del Range Blvd.).
Perkins Restaurant is on the left past the Mall in the Target Shopping Center.

RAFFLES & DRAWINGS

- Big nugget – Joseph A. Still
- Fire starter – Lyle Shingleton
- Utility Knife – Kenneth Hartl
- Pliers set – Bill Rodes
- Bolo tie – Kenneth Hartl
- Nugget – Karl Filter
- Nugget – Bill Rodes
- 1935 buffalo nickel – Lee Beatty
- Dremmel tool – Jon Egleston

50/50, \$40.50 – Jerry Bruce

Nametag, silver dollar – Kenneth Siders

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests and Thunder Basin National Grassland; Hahns Peak/Bears Ears Ranger District; Recreation Fees

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to implement recreation fees.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act (FLREA), recreation fees may be charged for standard amenity sites, expanded amenity sites or special recreation permits. The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forest proposes to charge new fees at two sites: Summit Creek Guard Station and Buffalo Pass Winter Recreation Area.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of the analysis must be received by May 31, 2007. Implementation is expected to begin in December of 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

**Mail or Hand Delivery: Ray George, Recreation Staff,
Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, 2468 Jackson St., Laramie, WY 82070.**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ray George (307) 745-2300, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, 2468 Jackson St., Laramie, WY 82070.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Proposed Recreation Fees

Summit Creek Guard Station--The Summit Creek Guard Station was built in 1912 to house forest rangers and their families. It includes a house and garage with electricity, indoor plumbing and propane heat and sleeps up to eight people. The compound is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The guard station would be available to rent from approximately mid-May to late October and a nightly rental fee of \$100 will be charged.

Buffalo Pass Winter Recreation Area--In order to facilitate recreation management in an intensively used winter backcountry recreation area, all users would be required to purchase a backcountry permit to enter and recreate in the 4,980 acre Buffalo Pass Backcountry Recreation Area. The intensity and variety of uses has led to many user conflicts, safety issues, and avalanche danger. The backcountry permit will alleviate some of these conflicts by educating all users on backcountry etiquette, avalanche dangers, and sharing groomed trails. A fee is necessary to administer the permit system and provide backcountry patrols to ensure users are obtaining necessary permits. The fee will be \$5.

Lead and Cooperating Agencies : The Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests is the lead agency.

Responsible Official: The responsible official is Mary Peterson, Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, 2468 Jackson St., Laramie, WY 82070.

Dated: November 20, 2006.

Mary H. Peterson, Forest Supervisor, Medicine Bow-Routt National Forests, USDA Forest Service.

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Press Release from the Office of the Wyoming State Geologist

Ron Surdam, State Geologist

May 8, 2003

GEMSTONES IDENTIFIED IN WYOMING

Research by the Metals and Precious Stones Section at the Wyoming State Geological Survey (WSGS) has now identified several different gemstones in Wyoming. Not only does Wyoming have 23 known diamond deposits, it also has a number of colored gemstones including sapphire, iolite, peridot, pyrope garnet, and chromian diopside.

One of the more interesting deposits, Palmer Canyon west of Wheatland, was discovered by the WSGS in 1995. This deposit contains corundum gemstones, some of which have been cut, producing some attractive pink to red sapphires. The deposit also contains transparent, blue cordierite (known as iolite by the gemologist), which is a popular sapphire-blue gemstone. Specimens of gem-quality iolite, weighing more than 3000 carats (approximately fist size), were found by W. Dan Hausel of the WSGS during

field investigations. Based on similarities in geology, the WSGS also believes that similar deposits may possibly be discovered at several other localities in Wyoming.

Another colored gemstone found in the state is peridot, which is gem-quality olivine. Olivine was first reported in the Leucite Hills northeast of Rock Springs about 4 decades ago during geological research by the University of California at Berkley. However, no one paid attention to the quality of the olivine until the WSGS examined it. The material was transparent, light-green with potential to produce the gemstone peridot. Some peridot was recently cut from the olivine and yielded very attractive gemstones.

Other gemstones described by the WSGS include purple to yellow-orange pyrope garnet and emerald-green chromian diopside. These yield gemstones with very attractive colors. They are found at a number of localities in southern Wyoming, sometimes even found with diamonds.

Some of these minerals were recently faceted and images of them can be viewed on the WSGS website at <http://www.wsgsweb.uwyo.edu/metals/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 2 - Chapter Meeting 7:00pm Perkins Restaurant, Dell Range Blvd. Cheyenne, WY

February 6 - Chapter Meeting 7:00pm Perkins Restaurant, Dell Range Blvd., Cheyenne, WY

07 GOLD & TREASURE SHOWS

There will be two shows relatively close to us during 2007.

The first is April 28-29 in Salt Lake City, UT at the Utah State Fair Park.

The second is May 5-6 in Rapid City, SD at the Central States Fairground.

No show is scheduled for the Denver area.

PROSPECTORS 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 \$55 (\$50+\$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 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

Wanted: 1 1/2" Proline Highbanker/Dredge Combo

Call Dallas Lake at 307-214-5619

If you have items for sale, email Peter Somontes at psomontes@yahoo.com to have your ad placed here. Your ad will also be on the Chapter website.

CLUB OFFICERS

President: Bob Morrison

Vice President: Lee Beatty

Treasurer: Stan Lang

Secretary: Heather Campbell

Newsletter Editor: Peter Somontes

Claims Director: Lyle Shingleton

Prizes/Raffles: Bob Bruce & John Eggleston

Store: Ann Lang

Activity Chairman: vacant

CLUB STORE

Coffee mugs \$ 5.00

Green pocket T-shirt \$16.00

Other color pocket T-shirts \$10.00

No pocket T-shirt \$ 9.00

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

Black pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$15.00

Green pan, sand, vial, snuffer \$17.00