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UPCOMING EVENTS

Chapter Outing: 6-8 July at
Douglas Creek. The meeting
will be on Saturday evening
followed by a pot-luck.

Contributions

Does anyone have any articles,
recipes, or pictures that they
would like to submit for the
newsletter?
Articles should be in Microsoft
Office Word or plain text.
Please do not submit articles in
Adobe PDF format as I cannot
convert it to text.
Pictures can be in JPEG or
Bitmaps.

June Minutes

Bob opened the meeting at 7:12 pm with a very good showing of members; several members who had not been for awhile were present, welcome back to all of you.

The chapter has about \$2200 in the account.

The Gem show in May was very successful; the club sold enough items to cover the large purchase that was made just before the show. All of the kids that tried their hands at panning had a lot of fun and the new cards were a big hit.

Bob wanted to remind everyone that the club store still has a lot of merchandise for sale and we also have equipment for rent. Bob also needs a volunteer to take over the Chapter's store. If anyone is interested, please give Bob a call.

Amy Reiss, from the Frontier Museum, is asking for our Chapter to come out to Frontier Park on Saturday June 9th in order to help demonstrate panning and explain a little bit of history of Gold Panning in our state for their 11th annual "Cowboy Festival". She is also looking to have something along the same lines for Frontier Days. They have a few other groups who will be there and for most of the groups that help, Amy plans on donating a limited edition print to those groups. We will be able to use this in our monthly raffles.

A gentleman from the Crazy 8's claim was on hand selling access to the Crazy 8 #3 claim, located just North of Keystone, Wyoming along the Douglas for \$10.00. This is not to be confused with Crazy 8 #1, which is in the claims guide.

Just a reminder that the meeting for July will be held out at the claims. The dates for the outing are 6,7,8 July. Also, each meeting you attended this year and each time you volunteered for something, you will receive one entry into the drawing. Good Luck All.

We are still in need of a person to take over the Activity Chairman position. Anyone, interested can contact Bob or let us know at the outing. This position has been opened for a long time.

Pete Somontes spoke and reminded all of us to voice our opinion on the dredging issues that are being fought over in

California. If things pass out there, they will, in some way, affect us here. Please refer to last month's newsletter and voice your opinion.

Comments are due to the USFS by July 9, 2007.

End

RAFFLE WINNERS!

Fanny pack with water bottles- Pete Somontes
Camouflaged back pack with bottle- Ken Wilcox
Small miner statue (donated by Ken Wilcox)- Jackie Still
Camping Clothesline- Jon Hover
6volt lantern- Ken Siders
Small Knife- Cort Schaible
Digital Camera- Samuel Gangriech
1.3 gram nugget- Jerry Bruce
1963 Silver 50 cent piece- Don Lambert

50/50- \$60.00 Peggy Stumpf

Name Tag- Dosing Rods- Shirley Moto
End

CLUB STORE

Coffee mugs	\$ 5.00
Green pocket T-shirt	\$16.00
Other color pocket T-shirts	\$12.00
No pocket T-shirt	\$ 9.00
GPAA mesh cap	\$ 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

Mining Claim Fee Requirements

NEW CLAIM FILING

Effective Nov 7, 2005

Document needed	Date due	Charge/fee
Notice of Location	Within 90 days of Claim Location	1) \$15 per claim- Service Fee 2) \$30 per claim - Recordation Fee 3) \$125 per claim- Maintenance Fee
Total Fees Due-		\$170 per claim

***Note: For those claims located prior to September 1, but filed with the BLM after September 1, an additional maintenance fee is required totaling \$295.00 per claim.**

WAIVER FROM PAYMENT OF MAINTENANCE FEE

(You **must** own 10 or fewer claims nationwide)

Documents needed	Date due	Service charge
Form 3830-2 Sm. Miner Waiver	On or before September 1	No service charge
Affidavit of Assessment**	On or before December 30	\$10 per claim
Notice of Intent to Hold***	On or before December 30	\$10 per claim

****Affidavit of Assessment and service charge may be submitted with the waiver form in September.**

*****Notice of Intent to Hold-acceptable only for the first calendar year claims are located in.**

ANNUAL MAINTENANCE FEE FOR NON-EXEMPT CLAIMS

(You must pay a maintenance fee if you own more than 10 claims and/or sites)

Document needed	Date due	CHARGE/FEE
Letter listing claims and serial numbers	Must be paid in this office on/or before September 1 of <u>each</u> calendar year	\$125 per claim

TRANSFER OF INTEREST/AMENDED NOTICE OF LOCATION

Documents needed	Date due	Charge/fee
Copy of Quit Claim Deed (QCD)	Within 60 Days of transfer	\$10 per claim per person transferring interest
Amended Notice	As soon as amended	\$10 per claim per Amendment

NOITL Nonrefundable filing fee of \$25 **must** accompany Form 3830-3

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.

For Sale: 1850 Coleman generator, runs good. \$200

Dennis Renison at 307-632-8056

For Sale: Keene 3 inch suction dredge with hooka for sale- like new - only used 3 times. Has a 6.5 HP Honda motor that is quiet and easy to start. It will punch a hole to bedrock very quickly and is a real gold getter. Paid \$1800, will take \$1500.

Call Rick Lesquier 970-481-0157, 970-225-2896

For Sale: Treasure Mate pinpointer, paid \$180, will sell for \$150.

Call George Stumpf, 307-632-9945

To have your ad placed here Email Peter Somontes at psomontes@Yahoo.com or see me at the meeting.

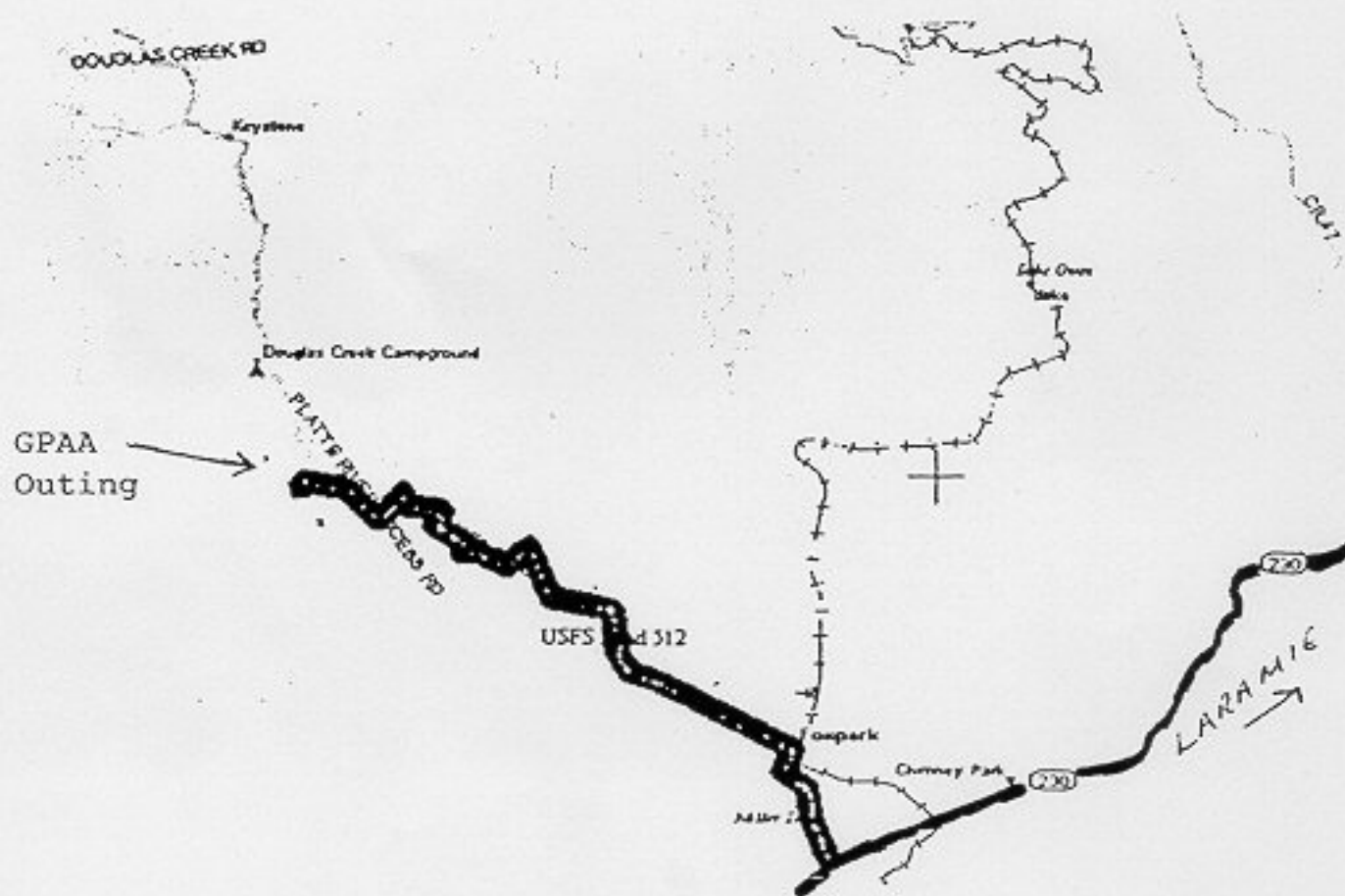
Your ad will also be on the Chapter website.

Joseph A. Still Tattoo Artist & Piercing
Gold "n" Ink Tattoo Studio
Great Tattoos
At Affordable Prices

My shop does have the new Eastwing Gold Pan. It is \$5.00 plus tax for members and \$8.00 for non-members.

The next page is a map showing how to get to the Douglas Creek outing.

From Laramie take Hwy 230 west for 34 miles to Fox Park turnoff (Route 512), stay on 512 for 7 miles, take the left fork in the road and cross the bridge, the outing will be on the right side of the road in the meadow. Please bring a covered dish for our Potluck after the meeting Saturday.



USFS SEEKS CRIMINAL PENALTIES FOR MINERS

This showed up in the Federal Register this month. It directly affects us as dredge operators. Please take the time to read this proposal and send in your comments, if they get enough negative feedback they might drop the whole scheme or Congress can stop them, after all this is supposed to be OUR government. PS

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

36 CFR Part 261RIN 0596-AC38

Amend Certain Paragraphs in 36 CFR 261.2 and 261.10

The Chief, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Department of Agriculture

Washington, DC 20250-9000

In 1984, a Federal district judge ruled that the prohibitions at 36 CFR 261.10 did not apply to mineral operations. As a result, the Forest Service amended Sec. Sec. 261.10(a) and 261.10(l) to directly tie the wording to locatable mineral operations by adding "or approved operating plan" to both of these paragraphs. Unfortunately, the wording was not added to Sec. Sec. 261.10(b) and 261.10(k), and that omission makes these paragraphs less clearly applicable to mineral operations.

Two recent court decisions have prompted the Forest Service to amend the prohibitions at 36 CFR 261.10. In California, the Forest Service cited a suction dredge operator under the criminal regulations at 36 CFR 261.10(k) for use or occupancy without a special use permit authorization.

The magistrate court judge dismissed the charge in *U.S. v. McClure*, 364 F. Supp. 2d 1183 (E.D.Cal., 2005), and cited in support of the ruling another recent California Eastern District Court decision, *U.S. v. Lex*, 300 F. Supp. 2d 951 (E.D.Cal., 2003). In summary, these decisions found that special-use

This proposed rule has been reviewed under the Executive Order 13211 of May 18, 2001, "Actions Concerning Regulations That Significantly Affect Energy Supply, Distribution, or Use." It has been determined that this proposed rule does not constitute a significant energy action as defined in the Executive order.

Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public

This proposed rule does not contain any new recordkeeping or reporting requirements or other information collection requirements as defined in 5 CFR part 1320 that are not already required by law or not already approved for use. Accordingly, the review provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq.) and its implementing regulations at 5 CFR part 1320 do not apply.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1011(f); 16 U.S.C. 472, 551, 620(f), 1133(c), (d)(1), 1246(i).

2. Amend Sec. 261.2 Definitions, by revising the definitions for motorized equipment and operating plan, and adding a definition for residence to read as follows:

Sec. 261.2 Definitions.

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Motorized equipment means any machine activated by a nonliving power source except small battery-powered hand carried devices such as flashlights, shavers, Geiger counters, magnetometers, seismographs, and cameras.

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Operating plan means the following documents, providing that the document has been issued or approved by the Forest Service: A plan of operations as provided for in 36 CFR part 228, subparts A and D, and 36