



The Keystone Chronicle

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June 7, 2010

UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meeting: 1 June 2010,
American Legion Post 6, 7 pm.

June 12 – Kid’s Day at the Old
West Museum

July 10-11 Cheyenne GPAA’s
Annual Outing, Douglas Creek

Club Meeting: 3 Aug.
Location: TBD

Club Meeting: 7 Sep.
Location: TBD

October 23 – Ghost of the
West at the Old West Museum

Websites of Interest

BLM online mining claims:
geocommunicator.gov

U.S. Forest Service, Medicine
Bow: **fs.fed.us/r2/mbr**

Denver Museum of Nature &
Science: **dmns.org**

Wyoming State Geological
Survey: **wsgs.uwyo.edu**

Legends of America:
legendsofamerica.com

Wyoming Tails & Trails:
wyomingtalesandtrails.com

Public Lands for the People:
www.plp2.org

NEW MEETING LOCATION!

The Cloud 9 restaurant has closed. The June 1st meeting will be held at American Legion Post 6. Food is available at 6 pm, meeting at 7 pm. Please no alcohol during the meeting.

May Minutes

Ken Sidors called the meeting to order at 7:20 pm. All club officers and Board members were present. There were a total of 54 in attendance. The March meeting minutes and Treasurer's Report were approved. Correspondence: Mailbox rental fee notice received. Visitors/Guests were introduced and welcomed.

Ken informed the members of the loss of a longtime member and spouse of former club President Bob Morrison. Louise was very active in the club and will be missed. A moment of silence was observed in her memory.

The election of club officers was held in accordance with the club bylaws. The results were as follows;

President: Ken Sidors
Vice President: Ken Wilcox
Secretary: Denise Hubbard
Treasurer: Don Ashley
Claims Director: Mark Bolenbaugh
Board Member: George Stumpf
Board Member: Pete Somontes
Other appointments were:
Raffle Coordinator: Eldeana Van Kirk
Asst. Raffle Coordinator: Pam Gibson
Store: George & Peggy Stumpf
Equipment Manager: Don Ashley

Congrats to the new officers and a big thanks to those who have served, we appreciate your time and effort!

Ken reminded everyone of the upcoming Gem Show (May 15 – 16) and our Annual Outing (July 10 – 11), as well as Kid’s Day June 12 and Ghost of the West on Oct 20. A brief update from PLP was given, and a collection was taken up to support them. \$70.00 was donated, thanks to all

who donated to PLP.

Don Wegner attended the Rocky Mountain Regional Roundtable meeting with the Forest Service regarding the new Planning Rule, and gave a summary of the discussions. We all need to follow what’s going on with this, as it has an impact on all forest users. For updates, go to www.fs.usda.gov/planningrule. You can post comments to various blogs and join in discussions...so let your voices be heard!

Don also pointed out to the members that former WSGS geologist Dan Hausel has given us permission to post his newsletter, the Gemhunter, on our website. You will find them right along with our own newsletter, be sure to check them out.

Ken reminded everyone of the importance of having your emergency information available while out prospecting. An emergency info form will be posted on the website so that people can just print it out and fill in the blanks. In addition, the Public Servant Questionnaire will be posted to the website. This is a form that you should keep on hand when in the field, should you be approached by any government official seeking information from you. This questionnaire is fully authorized by the Privacy Act of 1974, and members should use it! Ken also reminded members that the Forest Service is asking for everyone, including those who are just hand-panning, to fill out a Letter of Intent. The form is available on the Forest Service’s Medicine Bow website. There being no further business to discuss, the business meeting was adjourned.

End

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Snuffer/vial/Tweezers	\$ 8.00
Suction Tweezers	\$ 0.25
T-Shirt (adult)	\$12.00
T-Shirt (kids)	\$10.50
Tweezers	\$ 5.00

Raffle Winners

Gold Grabber Pan – Brenda Gregg
 Set of Clamps – Troy Zwiefel
 Flashlight – Ken Parker
 .22 gram Gold Nugget – Patrick Rafferty
 .23 gram Gold Nugget – Pete Somontes
 1.3 gram Gold Nugget – Robert Larimore
 2.25 ct Amethyst – Lyle Shingleton
 1.15 ct Topaz – James Knutson
 Disposable Grill – Don Ashley

50/50 Drawing:
 \$74.00 – Jerry Bruce

Doorprize Drawing:
 65 gram Copper Nugget – Don Wegner

Gem Show Nugget Winners

The First Place Winner is Kevin Harvey.

The Second Place Winner is Robert Gay.

The Third Place Winner is a club member from Greeley, CO.

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PLP Legal Fund Spring 2010 Raffle June 17, 2010

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12. Hystware Mines & Minerals CD	Arizona Outback	\$ 100.00

TICKET INFORMATION: \$ 1.00 each ticket or a book of 12 tickets for \$ 10.00

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Notice of Intent NOT Required

Below is the exact wording for the LAW that the FS operates under. If you are not using motorized equipment the FS CANNOT require you to file a Notice of Intent.

§ 228.4 36 CFR Ch. II (7–1–09 Edition)

§ 228.4 Plan of operations—notice of intent—requirements.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(1) of this section, a notice of intent to operate is required from any person proposing to conduct operations which might cause significant disturbance of surface resources. Such notice of intent to operate shall be submitted to the District Ranger having jurisdiction over the area in which the operations will be conducted. Each notice of intent to operate shall provide information sufficient to identify the area involved, the nature of the proposed operations, the route of access to the area of operations, and the method of transport.

(1) A notice of intent to operate is not required for:

- (i) Operations which will be limited to the use of vehicles on existing public roads or roads used and maintained for National Forest System purposes;
- (ii) Prospecting and sampling which will not cause significant surface resource disturbance and will not involve removal of more than a reasonable amount of mineral deposit for analysis and study which generally might include searching for and occasionally removing small mineral samples or specimens, gold panning, metal detecting, non-motorized hand sluicing, using mining claim;
- (iii) Marking and monumenting a disturbance;
- (iv) Underground operations which will not cause significant surface resource battery operated dry washers, and collecting of mineral specimens using hand tools;
- (v) Operations, which in their totality, will not cause surface resource disturbance which is substantially different than that caused by other users of the National Forest System who are not required to obtain a Forest Service special use authorization, contract, or other written authorization;
- (vi) Operations which will not involve the use of mechanized earthmoving equipment, such as bulldozers or backhoes, or the cutting of trees, unless those operations otherwise might cause a significant disturbance of surface resources;
or
- (vii) Operations for which a proposed plan of operations is submitted for approval;

California Miners Get Golden Reception in Senate Hearing

[Public Lands for the People, Inc.]

Thursday, May 6, 2010 3:00 PM

SACRAMENTO: The Senate Committee on Appropriations threw its full support today behind refund legislation authored by Senator Sam Aanestad (R-Grass Valley). The measure -- SB 889 -- will allow Suction Dredge Miners to request a refund of suction dredge mining permits that were purchased from the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG) in 2009. The vote by the Senate Appropriations Committee moves SB 889 to the Senate Floor. Senator Aanestad introduced refund legislation last December -- after the State Legislature approved emergency action last summer to ban the practice of suction dredge mining in California. Senator Aanestad believes that his legislation is a matter of fairness.

"Thousands of miners followed the letter of the law by purchasing permits in 2009 that would allow them to practice suction dredge mining -- a practice that was later banned during the same year by the State Legislature," said Senator Aanestad. "They paid for a full year of mining activities and they didn't get it. I'm pleased that my colleagues on the other side of the aisle recognize and understand this -- and I'm hopeful for similar success as the bill moves toward a Senate Floor vote."

Nearly 4,000 suction dredge mining permits were purchased last year according to the DFG -- and more than 3,000 of the permits were purchased by California residents alone. The cost of a permit for California residents is \$47.00, and for out of state miners the permit fee is \$185.25. In 2009, the Department collected about \$250,000 from miners who were subsequently denied the right to mine.

The DFG estimates that the passage of SB 889 will cost \$270,000, which will cover the entire cost of permit refunds and administrative costs.

"Some miners have already successfully sued the DFG in small claims court for a full refund of suction dredge mining fees."

End

Directions to July Outing

1. Travel West on I-80 from Cheyenne to Laramie.
2. Take Exit 311. Turn Left at the bottom of the exit. Go straight and follow Hwy 230 towards Woods Landing.
3. Stay on Hwy 230 from Exit 311 for approximately 35 miles to the sign for Fox Park.
First timers: After Woods Landing Hwy 230 passes through a canyon and the road has some steep grades and sharp curves.
BE CAREFUL!
4. Turn right off of Hwy 230 towards Fox Park on USFS Road 512 (Platte River Access Rd). At Fox Park you must turn left and stay on USFS Road 512.
5. Total dirt road distance from Hwy 230 is approximately 8.3 miles. Look for the campers in the open meadow on the left.