

February 2001 Newsletter

President Tom Johanson opened the meeting at 7:30PM.

Kathy Earnst presented the treasurer's report.

A motion was m/s/p to advance Bob Pattie \$100 for newsletter expenses and upon submission of receipts antoer \$100 will be advanced.

Ed Lehman submitted a bill for toner to the treasurer.

Ed Lehman presented an informal quote from Costco for printing new map books. A motion was m/s/p to have 100 color and B&W map book made.

Committee reports:

Nominating committee:

- Pat Weber is quite busy being a Doctor, still wants to be active, waiting for the East side meeting to see if any thing comes up. Still active with the Yakima club.
- Mary Foster has agreed to be nominated for a Westside trustee.

Wagonmaster:

- Ed has updated the field trip schedule
- The Kalama trip is a go but will be for only one day, 3/24. There will be no gate sitter, and all attendees must enter and leave as a group. Other restrictions include no smoking and if another site is to be visited all participants must go as a group.
- Sunday 3/25 will be a field trip to a site to be determined.

WSMC display case:

- The board was asked if anyone would be attending teh show in Spokane and if so could they bring out the case.
- Some time ago the procedure for displaying the case was formulated. Basically if a club wants the WSMC case then the club representative is to contact Mary Foster. The representative is then responsible for transporting and setting up the case at their show.

Old business:

- The Saddle Mt cleanup will be after the field trip. This will entail removing the lumber from the outhouses.
- There was a lengthy discussion on how to get more club representatives to participate in the Westside board meeting.
- Vi Jones suggested that the council put together programs for the representatives to bring back to their clubs. Some program suggestions were mineral identification and prospecting tips.
- The sign at Walker Valley has been shot full of holes again.

Meeting adjourned

Excerpts of CFR's Covering Mineral Collecting on Federal Land

TITLE 36--PARKS, FORESTS, AND PUBLIC PROPERTY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

PART 228--MINERALS--Table of Contents Subpart A--Locatable Minerals

Sec. 228.4 Plan of operations--notice of intent--requirements.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, a notice of intention to operate is required from any person proposing to conduct operations which might cause disturbance of surface resources. Such notice of intention shall be submitted to the District Ranger having jurisdiction over the area in which the operations will be onducted. If the District Ranger determines that such operations will likely cause significant disturbance of surface resources, the operator shall submit a proposed plan of operations to the District Ranger.

(1) The requirements to submit a plan of operations shall not apply:

- (i) To operations which will be limited to the use of vehicles on existing public roads or roads used and maintained for National Forest purposes,
- (ii) To individuals desiring to search for and occasionally remove small mineral samples or specimens,
- (iii) To 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,
(iv) To marking and monumenting a mining claim...

Sec. 228.15 Operations within National Forest Wilderness.

(b) Holders of unpatented mining claims validly established on any National Forest Wilderness prior to inclusion of such unit in the National Wilderness Preservation System shall be accorded the rights provided by the United States mining laws as then applicable to the National Forest land involved...

(c) Persons with valid mining claims wholly within National Forest Wilderness shall be permitted access to such surrounded claims by means consistent with the preservation of National Forest Wilderness which have been or are being customarily used with respect to other such claims surrounded by National Forest Wilderness. No operator shall construct roads across National Forest Wilderness unless authorized in writing by the Forest Supervisor in accordance with Sec. 228.12....

Subpart C--Disposal of Mineral Materials

Sec. 228.62 Free use.

(a) Application. An application for a free-use permit must be made with the appropriate District Ranger's office.

(b) Term. Permits may be issued for periods not to exceed 1 year and will terminate on the expiration date unless extended by the authorized officer as in Sec. 228.53(b). However, the authorized officer may issue permits to any local, State, Federal, or Territorial agency, unit or subdivision, including municipalities and county road districts, for periods up to 10 years.

(d) Conditions. Free-use permits may be issued for mineral materials to settlers, miners, residents, and prospectors for uses other than commercial purposes, resale, or barter (16 U.S.C. 477)....

(1) A free-use permit may be issued to any local, State, Federal, or Territorial agency, unit, or subdivision, including municipalities and county road districts, without limitation on the number of permits or on the value of the mineral materials to be extracted or removed.

(2) A free-use permit issued to a nonprofit association, corporation, or individual may not provide for the removal of mineral materials having a volume exceeding 5,000 cubic yards (or weight equivalent) during any period of 12 consecutive months.

(e) Petrified wood. A free-use permit may be issued to amateur collectors and scientists to take limited quantities of petrified wood for personal use. The material taken may not be bartered or sold. Free-use areas may be designated within which a permit may not be required. Removal of material from such areas must be in accord with rules issued by the authorized officer and posted on the area. Such rules must also be posted in the District Ranger's and Forest Supervisor's offices and be available upon request. The rules may vary by area depending on the quantity, quality, and accessibility of the material and the demand for it.