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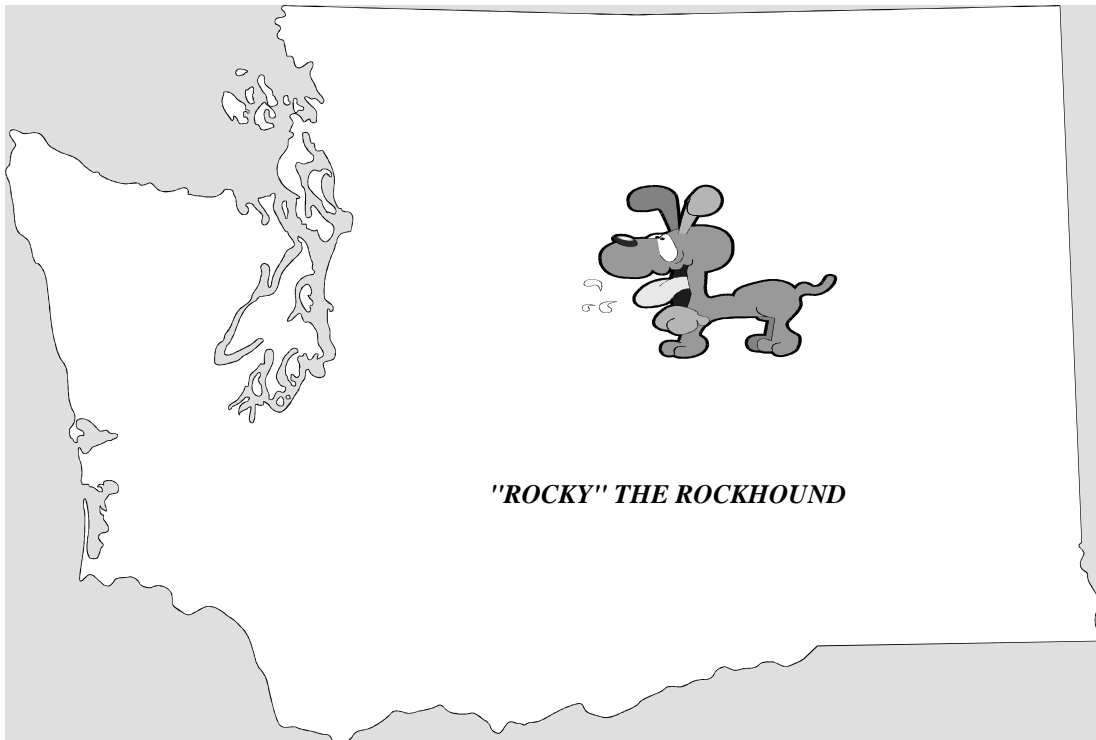
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**The West Side Board meets the third Tuesday of each month between Quarterly meetings, unless a meeting is specially called. Usually no meeting in July and December dependent on Board action.**

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## New Resource Management Plan for Eastern Washington and the San Juans

The BLM is in the process of developing a new Resource Management Plan for Eastern Washington and the San Juans. A link to the website and a short excerpt of the first page are shown below.

[www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans/ewsjrmp/index.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans/ewsjrmp/index.php)

Welcome to the website for development of the Eastern Washington and San Juan Resource Management Plan (RMP). We hope this website will help you stay up-to-date on the planning process and provide information about how you can be involved in the process. We appreciate your participation and look forward to continuing our work together.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Spokane District will be preparing an RMP and associated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for 445,000 acres of public lands in Eastern Washington and the San Juan Archipelago in Washington State. The map on the right shows the boundaries of the planning area. Click on the map to view a larger detailed map.

The Notice of Intent to prepare the RMP/EIS was published in the Federal Register on April 30, 2010. This initiated a public scoping period. During this period, the BLM will be conducting a number of public open house meetings (see dates/times/locations below) to provide additional information about the planning process. The BLM is also asking for comments from the public regarding planning issues and the scope of the plan and associated environmental analysis. Comments should be submitted by June 25, 2010. See the Comment page for more information.

If you would like to receive information about this project, see our Contacts page.

### Public Open House Meetings

Place	Date/Time	Address
Davenport	May 17 (6-8 p.m.)	Davenport Memorial Hall, 511 Park Street
Wenatchee	May 26 (6-8 p.m.)	Chelan PUD, 327 N. Wenatchee Ave.
Tonasket	May 27 (6-8 p.m.)	Tonasket High School, School Commons, 35 Hwy 20
Pasco	June 1 (6-8 p.m.)	TRAC Center, 6600 Burden Blvd., Rm. 4
Friday Harbor	June 5 (12-4 p.m.)	Mullis Senior Center, 589 Nash Street
Ellensburg	June 12 (12-3 p.m.)	Quality Inn, 1700 Canyon Rd.

## June 15, 2010 Westside Board Meeting AGENDA

- Opening of Meeting
- ◊ Stu Earnst/Brian Waters
- Treasurer's Report
- ◊ Kathy Earnst
- Committee Reports
- ◊ Wagonmaster -Ed Lehman
- Old Business
- New Business
- Open Comments

### Meeting Calendar for 2010

West side board meetings:  
1/19, 2/16, 4/20, 6/15, 9/21, 10/19

At 7:30PM at the  
Maplewood Clubhouse  
8802 196th St SW, Edmonds

General meetings (tentative):  
3/27, 5/1, 9/25, 11/6

All general meetings will be held at:

Palace Café  
4th & Main  
Ellensburg  
Meeting @ 9:30 AM

Combined board meeting minutes  
05/01/10

Washington State Mineral Council  
Quarterly Meeting May 1, 2010 - Ellensburg Meeting Notes  
Christina Morrissey, Secretary  
Stu Ernst, 2nd VP Presiding

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 am.

**Kathy Ernst, Treasurer** gave her report indicating that dues were still being received, bills paid, in particular newsletter costs and map costs. She indicated that she would make a list of clubs with dues still outstanding to be published in the May edition of the Council Reporter.

As a number of board members were not present due to con-

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flicting obligations, the agenda of the remainder of the meeting was to cover the topics outlined in the last Mineral Council Reporter (April 2010).

**Wagonmaster:** the current status of collecting picture jasper at the old "Miller River" location is on hold pending pre-tripping another known location on the other side of Hwy 2. The current location has been determined to have ownership issues that would need to be dealt with and would if the other location doesn't work out. Stay tuned.

**First Creek:** The trip is still on. The Ellensburg Club plans to pick up the gate key in a couple of weeks and Ed Lehman will take care of the insurance certificate.

**Mt. Higgins:** The trip date of May 23 is still current despite continued light snowfall in the area. If you are planning on attending, please be sure to stay in contact with the trip leader as it is always possible that weather may cause a delay nonetheless.

**Diatom Pits:** The Pow-Wow field trip did not attempt to make entry of their large group given previous indications that without permission they would not be welcome. However, there have been conflicting reports that seem to indicate that smaller groups of 3-6 cars are making it into the location without any problem with company management. If you go, be aware of the possibility of being turned away, but hope for the best, and as always be on your best rockhound behavior!

Christina Morrissey promised to follow up on her emails to the BLM regarding the public meetings and the RMP. (See Page 3, Column 1)

The BLM is in the process of developing a new Resource Management Plan for Eastern Washington and the San Juans. This was introduced to the Mineral Council at the March Quarterly meeting. Public meetings are to be held regarding their input on recreational and road planning needs. Rockhounds are strongly urged to attend any and all meetings in their area and provide input regarding rockhound sites and interests.

*The first meeting begins in Davenport on May 17th. See list on Page 3, Column 1. **There is a new website devoted to this project at which a person can also sign up for email updates. The website is:** [www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans/ewsjrmp/index.php](http://www.blm.gov/or/districts/spokane/plans/ewsjrmp/index.php)*

**Proposed Revisions of the Council's By-Laws** were handed out to the members present and discussed. These revisions will now be put in the Council Reporter for review by everyone. They will be submitted for adoption at the next quarterly Council meeting on September 25, 2010, with the final vote taking place at the quarterly meeting of November 6, 2010.

Bob Pattie reported that the WA State Legislative Actions Budget for next year will be attempting once again to put

through the fee-based recreational activity bill that didn't pass this year (HS 2480). In an attempt to bolster their argument for increased funds from the legislature, the DNR will be including information regarding the number of volunteer hours invested in related activities (i.e. 7000 hours= 47 employees).

Bob also pointed out that the Dept of Natural Resource's website now has available a number of interesting maps (pdf format) on the State's trust lands, recreational areas, recreational landscapes and who owns them and for what purpose. He pointed out that in the case of the Walker Valley ORV area, , rockhounding was not listed amongst all the recreational activities, despite the fact that the Mineral Council has a lease for precisely such an activity in that area. There was discussion about this and Bob was asked to follow up on this and see if he couldn't get someone in Olympia to change the listing.

Stu Ernst proposed a new project for Bob Pattie at this point. Stu has heard that the inhabitants of the Blanchard Hill area are trying to get a gate put up on the road which provides access to the site where Stilpnomelane is collected. The gate would not be to stop mineral collecting. The folks up in that area are in disagreement with logging practices. The effect however, would be the same, nonetheless. The Public Land Commissioner is evidently at odds with the neighbors' opinions, as logging provides much needed income for the schools; many of the land sections in that area being school trust properties.

Bob Pattie briefly explained that if a gate were put up, then there would be problems with inconsistent application of the state laws regarding recreational collecting. Some offices are very conservative; some are not as regards permits and the like. A possible lease of the area by the Mineral Council is another option to be considered if problems persist. Bob Pattie will re-examine the status of the Blanchard Hill area to see if there is anything the Mineral Council can contribute to the process.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:20 am.

### **Kalama Rock Hound Collecting Area Update**

Due to forester activity in and around the Green Mountain area, ALL of the Kalama Rock Hound area is closed as of May 6th 2010. The WSMC will be notified when the area is to re-open.

Please respect this notice to help keep this area open to us for rock hounding.

Bruce Himko  
Bellevue Rock Club

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## PROPOSED FIELD TRIPS FOR 2010

The WSMC sponsors field trips through the Wagonmasters. These trips offer the rockhound the opportunity to collect a wide variety of materials from agate and jasper to crystals and fossils. Experienced guides familiar with the sites are on hand to help the novice collector find good quality material. Check with the local clubs in your area for further information.

Check out the trip info, and tool listing at [mineralcouncil.org](http://mineralcouncil.org).

<i>Date</i>	<i>Host</i>	<i>Site</i>	<i>Meet</i>	<i>Material</i>	<i>Tools</i>
1/30	Msvl	Cedar Ponds	9:00 @ Monroe Jack'n Box	Red & Yellow Jasper	Dig & Light hard rock
2/20	E King	Cherry Ck	9:00 @ Safeway So Duvall	Jasper	Wading Ck Rock hammer & container Crack hammer & container
3/20	Evt	Miller Rvr	9:00 @ Hwy 2 Skykomish	Picture Jasper	Light hard rock & split
4/10	MtBk	Racehorse Ck	9:00 @ Nugent's Corner IGA	Fossils– Morel mushrooms	Light hard rock & dig
4/17-18	Pow	Saddle Mt & Diat	8:00 @ Boat launch So Matawa	Petrified Wood, Opal	Light hard rock – Tough tires
5/23	Wams	Mt Higgins	9:00 @ Oso gas store (open)	Rhodonite	Dig & hard rock
6/12-13	Elb	First Ck	9:00 @ W Fk Teanaway River	T-eggs, Agate, Geodes	Dig, light & hard rock
6/19-27	Msvl	Prineville Or	T B A Camping	Agate, Jasper, Wood, T-eggs	Dig, light & hard rock
6/30-7/4	Pow	Madras Or	8:00 @ Jefferson Co Fair	Agate, Jasper, Wood, T-eggs	Dig & light hard rock
7/17	E King	Lk Wenatchee	9:00 @ Ranger Station	Garnet, Actinolite & Talc	1/4" screen, bucket wood saw, shovel
8/7		So W Carnelian	<b>CANCELLED</b>	Agate, Jasper, Wood	Dig tools
8/21-22	Pvgn	Greenwater	9:00 @ Enumclaw Ranger Sta	Agate, Jasper	Dig & light hard rock
8/25 ?	Ed & Bob	Whitehorse	<b>CANCELLED</b>	Jade mine (fee required)	Strenuous hike light hard rock
9/11-12	Pow	1st Ck– Red Top	8:00 @ W Fk Teanaway Riv	Agate, Jasper, Geodes, T-eggs, Jade	Dig, light hardrock
9/18	Pvgn	Little Naches	9:00 @ Kaner Flats Camp ?	Thunder Eggs	Dig & light hard rock
10/2-3	W Sea	Saddle Mt	9:00 @ Matawa Lepricon	Petrified Wood, Opal	Dig & light hard rock
11/13	MtBk	Blanchard Hill	9:00 @ 1-5 exit 240 gas mart	Stilpnomelane in Quartz, Chert	Hard rock

### ALWAYS CALL TO CONFIRM TRIPS—SEE BELOW

Abvr	Host	Contact	E-mail
Pvgn	Puyallup Vly Gem & Mineral	Tony Johnson (253) 863-9238	
Elb	Ellensburg Rock Club	Steve Townsend	srtrocks@aol.com
Evt	Everett Rock & Gem Club	Bob Johnson (425) 408-0849	bobinevt@hotmail.com
Msvl	Marysville Rock Club	Christina Morrissey (425) 398-1300	cmvw@verizon.net
MtBk	Mt Baker Rock Club	Kris Menger (360) 366-0576	kmenger@peoplepc.com
Pow	Pow Wow Rockhounds Club	Cliff Matteson	
Wams	WA Agate & Mineral Club	Mike Messenger (360) 456-6930	wams1939@comcast.net
W Sea	West Seattle Rock Club	Brian Waters (206) 290-2312	bwaterssss@yahoo.com
Ed & Bob	Jade Minning Association	Ed Lehman (425) 334-6282	wsmced@hotmail.com

Trips are open to all. Most 2 day trips include Sat. potluck, horse shoes, tail-gating & swap. Sun. free breakfast. A small fee is required for Pow Wow and Madras trips. For more information contact Ed Lehman at [wsmced@hotmail.com](mailto:wsmced@hotmail.com) (425)334-6282 or [mineralcouncil.org](http://mineralcouncil.org)

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**Dues are still due. The following clubs are delinquent**

Chief Joseph Rock & Gem Club  
Bellevue Rock Club  
West Seattle Rock Club

Please send your dues to Kathy Earnst as soon as possible.

**Roscoe “Rocky” McCall  
1935 to 2010**

was born in Brewster, WA on 7/11/35 and died in Stanwood, WA on 4/30/10 following a long bout with cancer. The funeral was held May 6 in Stanwood and was well attended by rock hounds and the entire community. He is survived by his wife Loretta and children and extended families.

Rocky was a member of the North Puget Sound Faceting Guild, the Marysville Rock & Gem Club, the POW WOW Club and there may be others. Rocky was a well-respected rock ‘artist’ and his favorite form of lapidary was ‘Intarsia’—he will be remembered for his beautiful scenic jewelry pieces that he painstakingly glued together and polished. He was recognized throughout the United States and won many prizes. Rocky told me that one of his prized opal intarsia crosses belongs to a Catholic Priest on the East coast.

Not only was Rocky an artist—he was a leader and has been President of his various clubs and the Northwest Federation of Mineralogical Societies. He currently was a Vice President of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies. Rocky had charisma, and will most likely be remembered for years by his sense of humor, jokes and story telling and that big wide smile. He was generous with his time and talents and mentored many people over the years with his common sense and can-do attitude. He was a special person to George and I and he will be missed greatly by all who called him ‘friend’. We will miss seeing that perpetual smile and his bright red hunting hat with jade cabochons.

Rocky was laid to rest in a plain wooden coffin and he requested to be brought to the cemetery in the back of his pick up—way to go Rocky! (Ed note: I wouldn’t doubt that he also wore his red hat, boots and jeans.)

The family has requested that memorials be made to the Skagit Valley Regional Cancer Care Center. ....by Vi Jones

from Crystal & Gem News 05/10

**Trilobite Babies**

Trilobite eggs have never been found, but undoubtedly, trilobites laid eggs as all arthropods do, and certain trace fossils are thought to be pits dug by trilobites to lay their eggs in. After a trilobite hatches, it’s a soft larval form called a naupilus. At this stage, the larva is less than a millimeter in length and looks

similar to those of modern marine arthropods like the horseshoe crab. The naupilus was capable of movement, but mainly drifted on the ocean currents.

The next step in development is called the protaspid stage and this is when the trilobite develops an external, mineralized shell called an exoskeleton. It’s during this period that a division between the cephalic region (head) and the protopygidium (tail) appears. Structures like facial sutures, eye ridges, spines and hypostoma begin to develop.

The next step is called the meraspid stage, and this is when the trilobite begins to develop thoracic segments, which are formed at the anterior portion of the tail. The meraspid begins to grow larger by a series of larval molts, and adult features begin to appear.

The next period of development is called the holaspid stage, and this stage starts when the last thoracic segment is formed. The adult features are nearly complete. At this point there is a great increase in size, and the tail is then referred to as the pygidium.

The holaspid stage continues until the animal dies.

from BEMS e-Tumbler 04/10, via West Seattle Petroglyphs, 11-12/06; via The Glacial Drifter 8/06; via T-Town Rockhound 7/96; from Maps Digest

**Florida Names Moonstone as State Gem**

The moonstone was designated the official state gem of Florida in 1970 to memorialize American astronauts landing on the moon in 1969 (all astronaut-controlled space flights had been launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida). The moonstone is a form of the mineral feldspar and is not found naturally in Florida.

*From Carny Hound 04/10*



## Local Area Shows for 2010

DATE & TIME	CLUB	SHOW	LOCATION
June 4th 12Noon - 6pm 5th 10am - 6pm 6th 11am - 4pm	Puyallup Valley Gem & Mineral Club	Puyallup Valley Gem Show	Fruitland Grange 112th St & 86th Ave. East Puyallup, WA
June 5th 9am - 5pm 6th 10am - 4pm	North Idaho Mineral Club	Annual Gem, Jewelry and Mineral Show	Kootenai Co., Fairgrounds Kathleen & Government Way 2-blocks E. of HWY 95 Coeur d'Alene, ID
June 19th 10am - 5pm 20th 10am - 5pm	Butte Mineral and Gem Club	Mineral & Gem Show	Civic Center Annex 1340 Harrison Ave. (exit 127 North) Butte, Montana
July 30-31st 10am - 5pm August 1-2nd 10am - 5pm	Hosted by Billings Gem & Mineral Club	NFMS/AFMS Combined show	Holiday Inn Grand Montana 5500 Midland Rd. Billings MT
August 13th 10am - 9pm 14th 10am - 9pm 15th 10am - 6pm	Port Townsend Rock Club	Annual Rock & Gem Show during the Fair	Jefferson County Fair Grounds 49th Street Port Townsend, WA
August 21st 10am - 6pm 22nd 10am - 4pm	Nisqually Valley Rockhound Society	Annual Show	Yelm Middle School Highway 510 Yelm, WA
September 11th - 10am - 5pm 12th - 10am - 5pm	Marcus Whitman Gem & Mineral Society	40th Annual Gem and Mineral Show	Walla Walla Co. Fairgrounds Community Center 9th St. Orchard Walla Walla, WA
September 18th 10am - 6pm 19th 10am - 4pm	Southern Washington Min- eralogical Society	45th Annual Rock & Gem Show	Castle Rock Fairgrounds A St. & Cowlitz River Castle Rock, WA.
September 17th - 10am - 6pm 18th - 10am - 6pm 19th - 10am - 5pm	Portland Regional Gem and Mineral Show	30th Annual Show "A Rock Revival"	Hillsboro Fair Complex (across from Hillsboro Airport) Hillsboro, OR
October 9th 10am - 5pm 10th 10am - 5pm	Marysville Gem & Mineral Club	36th Annual show	Totem Middle School cafeteria 7th & State Ave. Maysville, WA 98270
October 16th 10am - 6pm 17th 10am - 5pm	Hells Canyon Gem Club	44th Annual Show "Gifts from the Earth"	Nez Perce Co., Fair Grounds 1229 Burrell Ave. Lewiston, ID 83501
October 23rd 9am - 6pm 24th 10am - 5pm	Clackamette Mineral and Gem Club	"Harvest of Gems in 2010" 46th Annual Gem & Min- eral Show	Clackamas County Fairgrounds Pavilion 694 NE. 4th Ave Canby, OR 97013
October 23rd 10am - 5pm 24th 10am - 5pm	Bellevue Rock Club	Octoberfest of Gems	Vasa Park 3560 West Lake Sammamish Blvd. SE Bellevue, Washington 98009 (I-90 Exit 13)
November 20th 10am—5pm 21st 10am—5pm	Kitsap Mineral and Gem Society	Fall Festival of Gems	The Presidents Hall, Kitsap County Fairgrounds 1200 NW Fairgrounds Rd Bremerton, WA

**Westside Board Meeting  
June 15, 2010  
7:30 PM**

**Maplewood Clubhouse  
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