

WHITTIER



**ROCKHOUNDING**  
GEM & MINERAL  
SOCIETY

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM:  
*MYSTERIOUS DESERT LOCATIONS*



SEPTEMBER 1999

# ROCKHOUNDER

## A BUZZ FROM THE PREZ

The time of year is here in which to share summer pleasures and plan for the rest of the year.

**Bill and I** covered a vast number of things. A few hours after our enjoyable WGMS June Pot Luck Dinner, we left (4:00 am is early!) for the Midwest. Due to our limousine driver being lost looking for another passenger in a housing complex in San Gabriel Mountains, we nearly missed our flight. In Missouri, the improvement in the health of my brother and sister was good. Bill caught up on all the local news of my hometown at the morning "Coffee Klatches"; and supported my nephews at the nightly baseball games.

Nashville, Tennessee was our next stop - Wow! A dinner cruise on the General Jackson Riverboat, a night at the Grand Ole Opry, a Tour of the City and Grand Ole Opry Hotel, and, of course, the AFMS and SEFMS Show and Convention were entertaining, fun, and informative. At the AFMS Banquet, WGMS was presented a gold award for the All American Club, **Jay Valle** received an honorable mention for his bulletin at the Editors Breakfast, and I was elected and installed as President Elect, starting November 1. It is slightly panicking to think of where to lead these clubs that are losing members. This leads us to the other part of this message - what is happening in WGMS this fall.

**No. 1:** Our Fiftieth Anniversary Show is Oct. 16 and 17. **Jay** has his committee busy at work - a work party will provide us with an improved spinning wheel and other projects. A show meeting will finalize plans. Are you ready to put in a case? Help with the tasks of the show? Join us for this big celebration.

**No. 2:** There will be a case by WGMS in the Whittier Library in September in honor of the California Sesquicentennial on how mining helped build California, and in October a display about the fifty years of WGMS.

**No. 3:** Let's celebrate our fiftieth anniversary.

**No. 4:** Our program for the youth at the Boys and Girls Club needs to be

restarted this fall. Bill and I gave programs for the Boy Scouts and to the Lutheran School classes this summer. The California School Code has changed to include the study of Earth Sciences in fourth grade, and a unit on earth tectonics and volcanoes in the sixth grade. We should be ready to provide support for these classes.

**No. 5: Jack** is continuing to provide us informative programs on gold. Attend our meetings.

**No. 6:** I requested each member to write us an article for the newsletter about something that you enjoyed as a member in the last fifty years. A field trip, a program, a show, or a meeting would be great.

Lets have a great time this fall.



**Program for September 23rd**

Over the last Memorial Day Weekend, Tony Fender (and friends) attempted to find as many of the "SPECIAL" sites listed in Bill "Short Fuse" Mann's new book, "*Guide to Interesting and Mysterious Sites in the Mojave*". Many of these sites are close to the WGMS Onyx Claim, next month's field trip destination. He and his fellow adventurers were able to locate and explore quite a few of them, and that is the subject of his slideshow presentation at the September meeting. It should be interesting!

*JValle*

**September Door Prizes**

**2 MAIN PRIZES: Faceted Gemstone Pendant, donated by Pat Maggs  
Tri-fold File Folder, donated by the Cliffes**

**ADDITIONAL PRIZES:**

<u>Prize</u>	<u>Donated by</u>
Brown-Tone Calico Picture	Dottie Jacobs
Hip Hugger money/Junk Carrier	
Metal Working Hammer	
Utility Knife	Jack Zywocienski
Sports Binoculars	The Cliffes

## **WGMS Show Approaching Fast!**

**Y**our WGMS Show Committee met again August 9th at **Bill and Isabelle's** beautiful home. Many things have been accomplished and lots of stuff still needs doing.

We are still aggressively pursuing our **GOLD** theme and have a number of ideas which we hope to implement before "SHOWTIME". We had hoped to feature the 16-to-1 Mine display but that didn't "pan out". We are now pursuing a gold prospecting display/activity which would occupy the entire stage.

New badges have been designed and the first batch has already arrived for those who ordered them. You can see them at the September meeting and I encourage you to buy one for yourself. Special commemorative ribbons are being purchased for the exhibitors and each case will receive a WGMS Golden Spike to display. We hope to feature gold panning and a metal detector demonstration and/or booth. The spinning wheel is being spruced up as we speak (so to speak).

**Joe Goetz, Jay Valle and Vern Cliffe** have been working on display cases. They are trying to come up with a new folding case design which would be lighter than the older cases we have been using, and also easier to set up and tear down. Progress is being made but we need another weekend to finish prototype number 2.

**Kathy Piechota** has done a wonderful job with the Award Tickets and you should all have received them by now. The prizes are going to be great, so be sure to let all your friends know about our special show (and sell them some drawing tickets, too!).

**Les Roy** is going to be calling members to ask them if they would be willing to present a program (about 30 minutes) on some portion of our hobby. This could be about tumbling, silver work, opal, etc. The field is wide open. We would like to present three to four programs on each day of the show.

There is still much to do. The club will be displaying memorabilia and lapidary art at the Whittier Library in September and October. We would appreciate anything you might be willing to display during that period. In September, we are showing mining tools, artwork, etc. and we still could use some "miner's stuff". October's display will feature objects and stories from our club's 50 years in the rockhounding business. Pictures and stories are greatly needed. **Isabelle** has asked each member to write about enjoyable or

memorable moments from past field trips, or Christmas Parties, or whatever you remember best.

**Sandie Fender** asked me to remind everyone to bring in “*Two pies and a Six-pack*” (of sodas) the morning of the show. Please make the sodas a name brand as the non-name brand sodas don’t sell.

*JValle, Show Chairman*

**For Your Information**

**M**any of you will fondly remember the **Bergs** as being one of our most stalwart supporters and enthusiastic field trip participants. In fact, I remember them going on several field trips during the 1980s. On Saturday, August 21, **Floyd Berg** passed away. We offer our condolences to his family.

At the beginning of summer, **Les Roy** had a heart attack. He came it through it ok but is still regaining his strength. His wife **Bea** also spent some time in the hospital a month later, also heart related, and they are recovering together at home.

**Kathy Piechota’s** parents, **Ed and Flo** both have had medical problems in the last two months. **Ed** was hospitalized with complications from an on-going condition, and **Flo** had a stroke. **Flo** is recovering at home and being tended to by **Kathy**.

**Vivian Armstrong** has moved to *Winwood of Whittier*, a retirement home in uptown Whittier. Though her address has changed, she can still be reached at the same phone number.

Her new address is: 8101 Painter Avenue, Whittier, CA, 90602

**Jay Valle** has a new home phone number. It is (626) 934-9764.

That is all the news I have received. If you have any other items about WGMS members that you feel we should be aware of, please call me and I will include it in the next bulletin.

*JValle*

**Donation Awards Needed!**

**5**0 years!!! What a golden opportunity to share our talents and create a beautiful or dynamic or wild or ... whatever, gift for the raffle prizes.

First Place Prize is to be a gold nugget - very exciting. Not quite so exciting but nonetheless still worthy, I've decided to donate for one of my gifts a small wire-wrapped slab of quartz with gold in it. The way I see it in my head, it will be a delicate necklace but quite flashy. **Sylvia Cliffe** has indicated she will be donating a ring. **Joe** has said he is going to create an intriguing bolo tie.

**Izzy** had a prize suggestion for the kid's *"Answer a question and get a chance to win a prize contest"* - a small bottle with gold dust in it. I think that would please a lot of kids, I still have mine from when I went to Knott's Berry Farm back in the 50's. It would be a nice thing to pass along a treasured memory of a rock club show into some *young'n's* future. So get your fingers "nimbled" and your brain tickin' and lets come up with some right purty prizes.

***Marcia Goetz and Michelle Sebresos,  
Your Raffle Prize Co-Chairs***

**Schedule of Field Trips for 1999-2000**

- September 4-5, 1999 ..... (see page 9 – center of bulletin)
- October 30-31, 1999 ..... Whittier Claim (Calico/Yermo area)
- November 25-28, 1999 ..... "Mariposa, CA"
- January 22-23, 2000..... Santa Barbara County Beaches for whale bone
- February 19-21, 2000..... Opal Mountain (east of Barstow)
- March 18-19, 2000..... Stoddard Wells (east of Victorville)
- April 20-23, 2000..... Lavic Siding (east of Ludlow)

***Joe Goetz***

**Joe and Marcia Got Married!!**

**By Jay Valle**

I was given the opportunity to visit an unusual Southern California location AND to witness the wedding celebration of our very own **Marcia Grady and Joe Goetz**. The date was June 12, 1999 and the sky was cloudless, blue and comfortably warm. The place was the **Rubel Castle** in Glendora.

First, let me tell you a few things about *The Castle*.

The property occupied by the stone fortress known as **Rubelia**, or **Rubel's Castle**, is owned by and owes its unusual designs and features to the imagination of **Michael Rubel**. From the outside, it has been described as similar to "Munster Mansion" (remember the old TV show?), with its stone walls and towers. Inside, it is something else!

When you pass through the gates you enter a slightly different, almost surreal world. The first thing I remember seeing is a red caboose, complete with steel railroad track and a real RR Xing warning light and crossarm. It has been completely restored and, now and again, Michael allows friends to "sleep-over" on the bunks located inside.

Several barns can be seen beyond the caboose which contain a fascinating assortment of antique automobiles, tractors and various farm machinery. A rope swing hangs from a branch of a huge tree and is very popular with the kids (and a lot of adults, too!).

On the left are the stone towers and buildings which make up the Castle itself. A dark passage leads to the central courtyard where the size of the project can be truly seen. The courtyard contains two complete stories which are lined with rooms and alcoves. At various corners are towers, with cannons on top, and one which is a clock tower containing a genuine Seth Thomas Clock built in 1890 (it was a gift from a friend). Protruding from the inner walls are various and somewhat unusual objects, including several bicycles, a motorcycle, and an intriguing pair of gloves, hardhat and boots (perhaps one of the workers, trapped forever?). There are two other ways out of the courtyard, both leading to several workshop/artist studios, a printshop and a machine shop.

The entire courtyard and walkways are paved with red brick, except for the marble path just inside the entrance which is composed of reject headstones from a local headstone maker (many have epitaphs on them).

**Joe's** best man was **Jay Manning**, a name which many of you may recognize from his many years in the club. His dad, **Ken Manning** was very active for many years and even served as president for a time. The entire family moved to Hurricane, Utah a few years ago, and only Jay remains a WGMS member. Jay drove all the way in from Utah on Wednesday before the wedding to help Joe with the Castle cleaning and preparations. The inner courtyard of the Castle was covered with green algae and a fine, extremely slippery black mud. Joe and Jay rented a pressure washer and cleaned every square inch of the brick walkways and lower walls. It was a major job, but when they finished, the stonework looked like new.

**Marcia's** Matron-of-Honor was **Helen Johnson** of Fontana. She and Marcia dealt with all the wedding preparations and arrangements. Helen also created the clay figurines, which were placed on top of the wedding cake.

About 175 guests arrived between 10 am and noon, including Joe's dad, sister and brother from Whittier, Marcia's parents from Oakhurst, her sister, and daughter Kim, both from Washington. Friends from work and both the Whittier and Pasadena Rock Clubs also were there (I believe we might even have had a few gatecrashers as well).

The ceremony was performed by **Minister Phil Robb** from the Pasadena All Saints Church just after 12 am. The participants all stood on one of the second-floor walkways above the central courtyard. Marcia was wearing an ivory colored gown in which she looked radiant, and which she also made herself. Joe was tastefully clad in *Rockhound/Western Modern*; ie. cowboy boots, slacks, western-style shirt and bolo tie (he looked great to me). Guests were seated below and had a fine view as the vows were said. Handmade rings were exchanged, they embraced and the deed was done!

Afterwards, a wonderful catered lunch was enjoyed by all, while Joe and Marcia mingled and greeted the guests. Musical entertainment was provided by **Clearly Bluegrass**, a fine bluegrass band. After having a quick bite themselves, the blissful couple cut the cake and we all were treated to cake a la mode and strawberry shortcake.

All-in-all, I believe that this event was the most interesting and memorable wedding it has been my pleasure to attend, except possibly my own (my wife made me say that!).

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Joe and Marcia Goetz!!

## **Two Labor Day Weekend Fieldtrips**

**I**nstead of the trip to the Greenhorns, I have decided on two single-day trips. Saturday, the 4<sup>th</sup>, we will be going down to **Gems of Pala** and go through buckets of tourmaline-bearing materials. The buckets will cost \$50 each. Call me at home (626-339-3593) and I'll give you the phone number to call so you can reserve a bucket or two. The reservation for a bucket must to be made at least a week before, as I was told. We will meet down at the Gems of Pala at about 9:00 am. Take I-15 south to Highway 76 heading east, and the rock shop (Gems of Pala) is about a mile inside the Indian reservation on the north side off a short street but can be seen from Hwy 76. They have sorting tables there, which last time didn't have covers, so wear a hat and bring plenty of water to drink. It can be quite obsessing to find those pieces of tourmaline and other gems in the dirt from the buckets. It can take a couple of hours to carefully sift through each bucket. Bring a lunch - it makes you hungry.

Sunday the 5<sup>th</sup> we will go to the San Bernardino County Museum located on I-10 at the California offramp. Go north after exiting and then go right at Orange Tree Lane (the museum is very evident from the freeway). Pay the regular admission of \$4 for adults and \$3 for seniors (attention Vern) and students, \$2 for 5-12 years and under 5 free. They have an excellent gem and mineral display and the building is air conditioned - a great plus on a hot day!! Their special exhibit is mazes and puzzles - "Gymnastics for the Mind" is what they told me. Cost for that is \$5 for adults and \$4 for seniors (attention Vern) and students, \$3 for 5-12 years and under 5 free. The museum opens at 9:00 am and we can meet at that time. Bring a lunch or we can discuss it at the museum.

Monday, those of you who are not going to be entering a case at the LA County Fair will be able to sleep late.

Have a happy and safe Labor Day from your "man in the field", and "which way did they go?"...

*Fieldtrip Chairman, Joe Goetz*

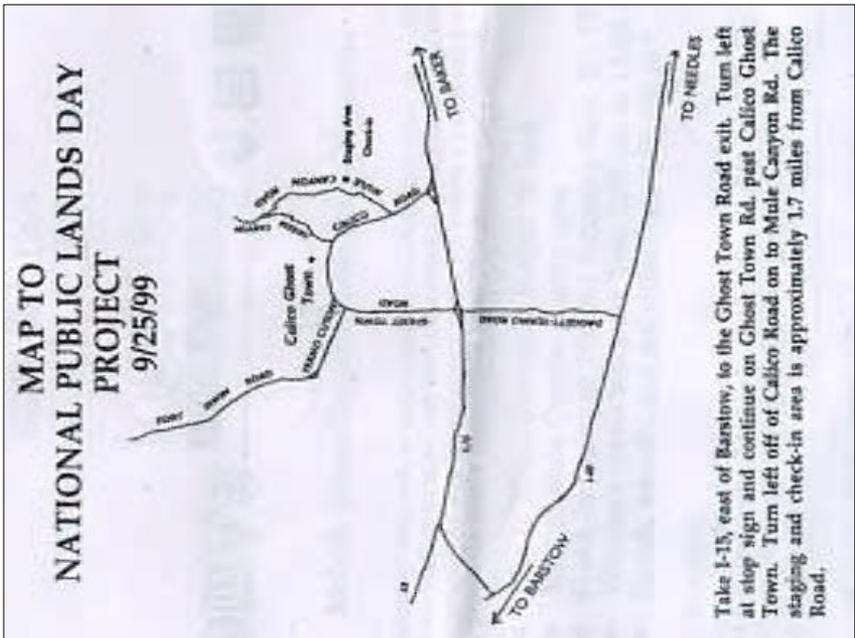
### Volunteers Wanted: National Public Lands Day

By Izzie Burns

Each year National Public Lands Day is the last Saturday in September. The day is set aside to improve our public lands for our use. This year the BLM Volunteer Program in Barstow has chosen to clean up **Odessa and Mule Canyon**. They are seeking 150 volunteers to participate in this project. Mule and Odessa Canyon is a scenic historic mining area. We take a trip there from Zzyzx each year to collect rare microfossils; many clubs go there to collect silver onyx, agate, petrified palm wood, etc. I think we should help this group.

**Be a Volunteer!** September 25, 1999 at 7:00 am, meet at Mule Canyon Staging Area (mouth of Mule Canyon). Volunteer crews will work from 7:30 to 12:30, when a barbecue lunch will be served. The first 100 volunteers on site will receive a T-shirt and free pass to the nearby Rock-a-Hoola Water Park, good for the afternoon. Bring hat, sunscreen, gloves, work boots, water, swimsuit & towel. Pickup trucks and trailers for hauling trash will be needed. Off-road vehicles that are licensed or have a current green sticker and spark arrestors could be used.

Volunteers may show up early at the staging site, or may register to participate in this project by filling out the form located at the CFMS webpage at <http://www.cfmsinc.org>.



**CFMS News**

The Federation Show and Convention at Turlock was fun to attend. We camped on the Fairgrounds and all of the activities were there. Insurance was the big topic discussed at the meeting and **Bob Stultz** has been appointed to work on a good insurance program for CFMS. **Isabella** attended an AFMS meeting on insurance and was very impressed with the idea of having a joint insurance for all federations, thus saving some money. An article by **Bob** will be included in this bulletin. Next year's CFMS Show will be at the Riverside Convention Center, August 4, 5, & 6.

We also attended the AFMS Show and Convention in Nashville. As First Vice President, one of my duties was to help with the Junior Committee. As the committee chairs **Kathy and Bob Miller** could not attend, I spent much time in the Junior Booth. It was really fun and a very busy booth. **Isabella** was elected President Elect and will take office on November 1, 1999. She will be installed in Moab, Utah in October of 2000, again taking office Nov. 1, 2000. Congratulations to **Jerry Turner** and all of the members who worked hard in 1998, we received a AFMS Gold Award as an All American Club. **Jay Valle** received an honorable mention on his bulletin. Keep up that good work, Jay. I would have awarded you a first place award.

I have to say a word or so about ALAA. They had a rousing meeting at Nashville. Our collecting areas are becoming less available. First there was the struggle for us to be able to continue to collect invertebrate fossils. There are 20 bills before the Senate and 15 bills before the House that can affect our hobby. With the Congress adjourning for the August recess we have a chance to get some input to them on these bills. Public use of public lands is being attacked. According to **Audrey Hudson** in the Washington Times, there are bills that could "ban most public use of 5 million acres in six states." For more information on this, read the article in this bulletin by **Jon Sponaugle**.

**Urgent! Support the ALAA, Renew your AALA membership now!**

*Bill Burns, Director*

**CFMS INSURANCE UPDATE**  
**By Bob Stultz, CFMS 2nd Vice President**

**A**t the Executive Committee meeting, held in Turlock, the Executive Board appointed Bob Stultz, CFMS 2nd Vice President, to gather information from several interested insurance companies who wished to make a bid for the Federation's insurance business and present it to the Board. The Board will then examine these policies and present their decision to the Directors, when ready.

We are negotiating with several insurance companies at this time and two major companies have indicated that they are very much interested in writing a policy for us. We have asked for coverage to include **all** activities, in the name of the Federation and all of its clubs. These activities would include: Monthly Meetings, Workshops, Shows, Educational Trips to museums and other such locations, Field Trips for collecting material, and Socials such as Picnics, Pot Lucks, Christmas Parties, etc.

One company has already notified Pat McDaniels, the agent who spoke briefly at the Directors' Meeting in Turlock, that they have a policy almost ready to be quoted. **This policy would not involve any additional cost to the individual clubs of the Federation for all of their activities, including Field Trips.**

The other type of insurance coverage that came up in Turlock was called *Errors and Omissions* for Officers and Directors. This would involve an additional cost, over and above the regular premium, and we are discussing the need for this with our lawyer.

We hope this answers the questions that have been submitted to President Ken Kruschke since Turlock. We will not rush into making quick decisions that will only give a "band aid" solution to this problem, and we will not quote any specific figures on policies in the Newsletter until the Executive Board and the CFMS lawyer can examine them. Therefore, there will not be another article on the insurance problem printed in the CFMS Newsletter until we have some definite information to give you.

Please be patient and give your officers a chance to do their job.

**Is the "Bell Tolling"?**

**An editorial by Jon Spunaugle, President, ALAA**

**A**fter reading a recent article by reporter Audrey Hudson in The Washington Times, a major newspaper in Washington DC, we are wondering if the **"Bell is starting to Toll on the end of public use of public lands"**. The article by Ms. Hudson documents the current administration's plans to "ban most public use of 5 million acres in six states". The suggested purpose is to "placate" the environmental movement. We suspect it is likely an effort to get their financial support for the upcoming elections. Also, we believe it may be a desire of the President to add "land preservation" to the "accomplishments" of his administration.

Several important legislators and administration officials are quoted in the article. Secretary of Interior Babbitt is stated to have asked the President to use the Antiquities Act of 1906 to add **505,350** acres in the State of Arizona as a National Monument. We believe this will likely be the Shivwits Plateau area near the Grand Canyon. This would be the second such National Monument designation for this President. Most Presidents don't designate any National Monuments. This Administration's first designation was the 1.8 million-acre Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument in the State of Utah in 1996. One senator was quoted as saying, "Our general concern and frustration is what the administration did in Southern Utah, they could do anywhere else in the country, and that they were unwilling to work with Congress - especially as we head into a presidential cycle ... This has become a political tool and not a means to protect unique environmental assets".

In addition, the administration is likely to declare **2.6 million acres** in the State of **Utah** as a Wilderness Study area (see FEDERAL REGISTER, March 18, 1999). This designation can be made under FLPMA (Federal Land Policy Management Act) without Congressional approval. The lands so designated would remain as defacto wilderness until Congress acts to either add them to the country's Wilderness System or release them for use by citizens. A Bill in this Congress seeks to address the issue of how long can a wilderness study area remain "a study area". (See HR-1258 and HR-1500).

Also an effort is being made to pass the 1.5 million-acre Coastal Plain Wilderness Designation in the Alaska Arctic National Wildlife Refuge [ANWR] (see House Resolution HR-1239 and Senate Bill S-867 in the last newsletter). This action would end an effort to develop the oil located under only 2,000 acres of the total 20 million acres of the entire refuge. The ANWR

total area is about the size of the State of South Carolina. It seems almost ludicrous that there would be such opposition to development of only 2,000 acres, even in the fragile arctic. The North Slope/Prudhoe Bay oil development proved that the development of the oil reserves did not have the large and dire effects on the arctic environment predicted by some (barring the actions of a drunk tanker captain which could have happened anywhere in the world).

What would be even more concerning to the ALAA, and our reason for following this particular wilderness proposal, is that if the U.S. Senate should pass the Bill S-867, it would be over the objection and without the support of the two senators from Alaska, the Honorable Ted Stevens and Frank H. Murkowski. In the past, Congress has been unwilling to pass wilderness legislation without full support of the state's two senators. To pass this legislation [S-867] would set a dangerous precedent for future Wilderness designations where the majority of the population of the State is not in favor of the designation. The State of Alaska and its people are very much in favor and in need of the development of the ANWR oil resources, and against the Wilderness Bill S-867. Also, such a precedent would give outrageous bills like HR-488 a chance of passage. HR-488 is a Bill sponsored by Eastern legislators, and impacts 5 western states with over **19 million acres** of new wilderness. Passage of wilderness bills sponsored by legislators whose constituents are not directly impacted by the loss of public lands to all but "wilderness recreation", seems inconsiderate at best. We would ask all citizens to remember a certain "Tea Party" in Boston Harbor. Something about a lack of representation and imposing someone's will on others. We would suggest the approval of wilderness in a State might best be done as a State ballot issue. Let the voters of that State approve or disapprove. If they don't want it, don't force it on them. Something like ***"Don't Tread on Me"***.

The article also mentions that the upper reaches of the Missouri River in the State of **Montana**; (which we believe is the Yellowstone River, Madison River, and the Missouri River) are subjects of a National Park or National Monument designation, or at least a National Wildlife Refuge designation. The impacts of such a designation are obvious to collectors who have visited these areas collecting Montana agate, jasper, sapphires, garnets, concretions and the like.

Much of the preliminary work on these designations will be done by the Secretary of Interior Babbitt using his regulatory power to halt logging, oil

and gas exploration, and grazing, on public lands. (And you thought gas prices were high this last spring!) To quote a May 22, 1999, National Journal article, Secretary Babbitt is quoted as saying, "We've switched the rules of the game. We're not trying to do anything legislatively" Which to us is like saying "We don't care about what you or your elected officials think". All of this is being done in the name of "protecting" these areas from big mining and oil companies.

In our opinion, you are the ones who will be most impacted. "Big Mining" and "Big Oil" and timber interests, will, as they have already done, go to foreign locations and sources. Where, incidentally, they don't have to worry about strict environmental rules, replanting and rehabilitation and other environmental concerns. I ask you, **"Does that help the total global effect of these activities???" My answer is NO!**

As to the smaller mining and oil production operations, as well as the ranching and farming operations, they will just disappear. U.S. jobs will be lost. Lives will be destroyed.

To quote the article and the Honorable Senator Orrin Hatch, "There is no question they are trying to stick it to us, and it's really sad. These are the pioneer families who made the West, and they feel robbed".

Just this year the administration has proposed a two year withdrawal (moratorium) on mineral activities in **Montana** (429,000 acres), **Colorado** (165,000 acres) and even in **Missouri** (5,000 acres) as indicated in our reports on the Federal Register in earlier issues.

Missouri Congressional Representatives have called the withdrawals "unnecessary and inappropriate". Senator Conrad Burns of Montana is concerned with the lack of any consultation input from the people who will be directly affected by these withdrawals, calling it an **"assault on the West"**.

Some Congressional action is anticipated to try to change the direction started by these actions of Secretary Babbitt. Bills have been introduced to amend the Antiquities Act by Senators Robert F. Bennett of Utah and Larry Craig of Idaho. The Bill entitled *The National Monument Public Participation Act of 1999* (S-729) is a reintroduction of a somewhat revised bill from the last Congress.

Other bills before this Congress which are intended to deal with these "assault[s] on the West" are:

- **HR-883:** A bill to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands owned by the United States, and to preserve the State sovereignty and private property rights in non-Federal Lands surrounding those public lands.
- **HR-1207:** A Bill to prohibit the U.S. Government from entering into certain agreements or arrangements related to public lands without expressed prior approval of Congress.
- **HR-1258,** A Bill to accelerate the Wilderness designation process by establishing a timetable for the completion of wilderness studies on Federal Lands (It would eliminate wilderness study areas after 10 years without a wilderness designation by Congress.)
- **HR-1523:** A bill to establish mandatory procedures to be followed by the Forest Service and the BLM in advance of the permanent closure of my forest road so as to ensure local public participation in the decision making process.
- **S-510:** A Bill to preserve the sovereignty of the United States over public lands and acquired lands owned by the U.S., and to preserve State sovereignty and private property rights in non-federal lands surrounding those public lands.
- **S-826:** A Bill to limit the acquisitions by the U.S. of land located in a State in which 25% or more of the land in that State is owned by the United States.
- **S-1202:** A Bill to require a "warrant of consent" before an inspection of land may be carried out to enforce any law administered by the Secretary of Interior. (See also HR-2253)

But ALL THE BILLS IN CONGRESS can't put "Humpty Dumpty Together Again" if **YOU DON'T WRITE and** tell your congressional representative that you want them to support these bills. If you do not, they will die. As always, in this country, IT IS UP TO YOU. **YOU MUST WRITE!**

**AND THE BELL IS STARTING TO TOLL.** Remember you don't have to live in the West to support the West. For More information on these and other issues ask for copies of the ALAA Electronic Newsletters from Bob Cranston, ALAA Secretary.

**Show Calendar**

- Sept. 18-19 PASO ROBLES, CA** - CFMS Show; Santa Lucia Rockhounds, Pioneer Park and Museum, 2110 Riverside Ave.; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5.
- Sept. 24-26 SANTA MONICA, CA** - International Gem & Jewelry Show. Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, 1855 Main St.
- Sept. 25-26 DOWNEY, CA** - Delvers Gem & Mineral Society Show. Woman's Club of Downey, 9813 Paramount Blvd. Hours: 25th, 10AM-6PM; 26th, 10AM-4PM.
- Oct. 8-10 BIG SUR, CA** - Big Sur's Jade Festival. 8th Annual. Pacific Valley School. Hours: 8th, Noon-6PM; 9th & 10th, 10AM-6PM.
- Oct. 9-10 LANCASTER, CA** - Valley Gems. 6th Annual High Desert Tailgating, 9050-1/2 West Ave. J. Hours: 9th, 9AM-5PM; 10th, 9AM-4PM.
- Oct. 9-10 TRONA, CA** - Searles Lake Gem & Mineral Society. 58th Annual Show, "Gem-o-Rama 99." Lapidary & Show Building. Hours: 9th, 8AM-5PM; 10th, 8AM-4PM.
- Oct. 15-17 COSTA MESA, CA** - Gem Faire. Orange County Fairgrounds, Arlington Ave., Gate 4. Hours: 15th, Noon-7PM; 16th, 10AM-7PM; 17th, 10AM-5PM.
- Oct. 17-19 CANOGA PARK, CA** - Woodland Hills Rock Chippers. 1999 Gem & Mineral Show. Canoga Park Community Center. Hours 10AM-5PM.
- Oct. 23-24 EL CAJON, CA** - El Cajon Gem & Mineral Society. Annual "Treasures of the Earth" Gem & Mineral Show. El Cajon Masonic Temple, 695 Ballantyne St. Hours: 23rd, 10AM-6PM; 24th, 10AM-5PM.
- Oct. 16-17 WHITTIER, CA: "Golden Anniversary Show";** Whittier Gem & Mineral Society, 7604 Greenleaf Ave; Sat. 10-6, Sun. 10-5.

WHITTIER GEM & MINERAL SOCIETY

*FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY*  
*"Treasures of Rockhounding"*

***"Golden Anniversary Show!!!"***

**GEM, JEWELRY  
AND GOLD SHOW**

**DEALERS - DEMONSTRATIONS - DISPLAYS  
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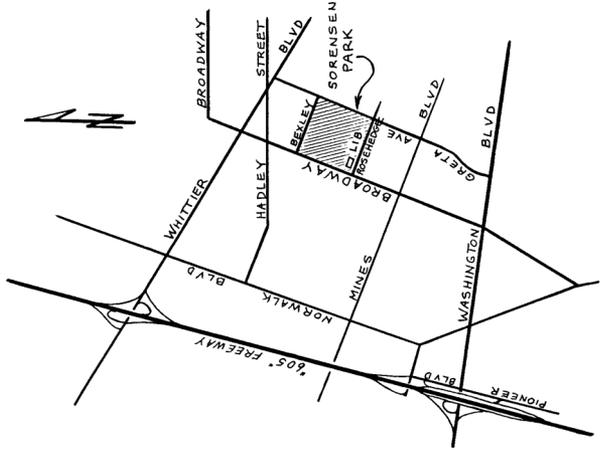
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