

Idaho Wilderness

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How are we now? Where are we going? How under today's government restrictions, expenses, and our own physical limitations can we continue to enjoy our Rock Hounding hobby? How can one get started when expenses are so high and personal funds are already strained to the breaking point? When will I have time and the energy to learn a new skill required for rock hounding's maximum enjoyment? EXCELLENT QUESTIONS! Now we need YOUR ELCELLENT SOLUTIONS! The next three meetings we will set apart several minutes during the business session for discussion on this and other related subjects.

We will become our own best resource to fill this growing need.

Some IDEAS to consider: Actual carpooling (Sharing gas and expenses), MENTORING Rock Skills (You can receive hands on training from a knowledgeable person whom in turn provides some needed physical help to complete something they need help with.

INSERT YOUR IDEAS HERE! (Bring them in written form)

VOTE Tuesday, November 8th! Vote to uphold your rights! Vote to elect someone who will stand up and have the moral courage to uphold the Constitution of the United States.

We believe as did the founding fathers this country is based on individual freedoms. We must not only elect good people, we must hold them accountable for their VOTES and ACTIONS. If we do not insure our voices now, this election, there may not be another chance to save our liberties and Rock Hounding hobbies.

If you have read the news lately you must surely see that there is no end to the Conservationist Land Grab. Just look at what is happening in the Jarbidge/Bruneau wilderness which is not even a year old. All parties came together and drafted a plan which made rock collecting and motorized travel illegal in a very limited visited Desert in South Central Idaho. Rock hounds and off road vehicles used this area more than any other user except Ranchers. (Now it will become a waste land, it will never be a wonderland wilderness.)

THE CONSERVATIONISTS HAVE ALREADY BROKEN THE AGREEMENT!

They are acquiring Lands to the north of the Wilderness to tie into the Jarbidge Wilderness.

They will not stop until they effectively run a wilderness block from the Snake River to the Nevada line and beyond.

THIS IS THE HEART OF SOME TO THE BEST ROCK COLLECTING IN IDAHO.

The Owyhee Desert and northern Nevada is not something people will flock to hike in.

We need to Stop this public land lockout. That's right lockout, lockup, Posted KEEP OUT unless you are super rich and can fly into your private landing strip like the seventeen found inside the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

Now both Little and Big Wood river drainages a being locked up from mechanical access; so the Rich Sun Valley crowd can Hike out their back doors and deny all the rest of the U.S. Citizens the same access they enjoy.

YOUR POWER IS YOUR VOTE AND YOUR WILLINGNESS TO CONTACT YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTIVES IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THEY ARE THERE TO SERVE YOU AND ME, NOT SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS FROM OUTSIDE IDAHO, WHICH WISH TO CLOSE IDAHO TO THE COMMON PERSON AND KEEP ACCESS ONLY FOR THE PRIVILEGE FEW.

VOTE FOR WHOM YOU PLEASE, BUT PLEASE VOTE AND THEN WRITE YOU ELECTED OFFICIALS ABOUT YOU CONCERNS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT OUR LAND ACCESS FOR AGING AMERICANS WHOM DEPEND ON MECHANICAL MEANS TO SEE THIS GREAT LAND.