

Hello OCRMC Officers, Directors and Club Representatives,

We have finally returned home from several lengthy trips and just finished installing a new computer. I am not sure that the term "Plug and Play" really applies to modern electronics. Anyway, we are back on email and the internet. My apologies for being overdue on some Council business. I will be sending out our Sweet Home minutes and a President's Update shortly, so stay tuned for those documents. An agenda for our Madras annual meeting will also be forthcoming.

Next, I am pleased to announce that Ed Anderson has been appointed to the Salem NW Oregon BLM RAC. It will be great to have one of our Directors on this committee to represent our interests as recreational rockhounds. Our presence on these advisory groups keeps the Council relevant and engaged on our mission to promote access to our public lands. Congratulations to Ed!

I have been in contact with Kevin Weldon at the Prinveville BLM office to explore options for a Hampton Butte remediation project to address surface disturbance related to rockhound activity. I plan on visiting the site with Kevin on Thursday, June 13 (first day of the Prinveville show) to conduct an on the ground evaluation. We will leave from the Prinveville BLM office at 8:30 am. We will need a permit, which might push back the timeline to this fall, if we wish to use a small tractor. Anyone wishing to go along, please give me a call. The BLM is very pleased that the Council is looking at what we can do to improve the landscape in the collection area. Thank you Hidemi Kira for suggesting this project!

Our Webmaster Karl Granzow continues to make progress on updating and expanding our website. Please give the site a look and let us know when we need to make any changes.  
Thanks Karl for all your efforts!