

THE GOLD NUGGET

May 2021

The Meeting for May is Cancelled!

Though the vaccines are out and lots of folks have been getting it, the primary sticking point in getting our meetings back underway has been the 'social distancing' aspect. Jefferson County is in the process of moving their dial back to Blue. They anticipate that that will occur in June and we will be able to get back to our meetings at full capacity. There will be certain requirements that we will have to abide by. Seating will be expanded to full capacity but attendees will have to continue to wear a mask until the State Health Department or Jefferson County relaxes that condition. I suspect that we will be wearing masks until the first of the year at least. Should these rules relax or change, I will let the membership know as soon as I know. So hopefully, I will see everyone on June 16.

Notice: The Board of Directors has approved the following for 2021: Any member who paid their dues for 2020 are paid up for 2021 and do not have to repay. If you did not pay your dues in 2020, you will need to pay for 2021. 2020 was pretty much a bust so let's hope that we can have a much better 2021.... See you all soon!

The Prez Sez by Jim Long



It looks like we are going to finally get back to our meetings again. I spoke to the folks at the Clements Center and they advised that Jefferson County has set their Dial back to Blue in line with the State and that means that we are going to be able to start our meetings up in June. We will be able to all meet again although the mask mandate has not been lifted and we will be required to wear masks. I would imagine that we will have to do that until the first of the year or so. I am not aware of any other conditions that will occur and will, of course, advise you all the moment that I learn of them. **Therefore, everyone should plan on finally attending our first meeting on June 16**, the first since this pandemic struck in February of 2020.

Since their will only be 5 months to go until Club Elections, I have decided that I will try to finish the year out in the Office of President, in order to reduce the potential turmoil of having to have two elections in a single year. I will do my best to try and make the necessary arrangements to insure that I can attend the meetings for the remainder of this year. There are things beyond my control that may or may not interfere with those intentions, so we will just have to see how it goes. We will therefore have our Club Elections in November as usual. There will be some changes in the near future however. Since the Club income has been dramatically affected because of the shutdown, this could dramatically affect the number of gold nuggets we give away in 2022, and possibly even the Christmas giveaway as well. I don't even know if we will be permitted to conduct our Christmas Banquet yet as those details will all have to be worked out in the months to come.

I had already been planning to try to get us out on some Outings starting in May or June anyway and still plan to try to get that organized and planned. I will advise by email as soon as I get it all worked out. For those of you who like to get out on these adventures and get your hands a little dirty, I am sure you have been chomping the bit. For some others who like to participate in the nugget giveaways, we have been prevented from doing that as well. It will be good to get back into the normal flow of things once again.

I think that the worst is now behind us and we can start looking at getting out and about a little more than we have in the last year or so. On that note however, the timing couldn't be worse as we are hitting that time of year when the weather is warming, the snow is melting, and the creeks and rivers are beginning to rise. This is going to make it hard for some to get into the water to be able to prospect. Now mind you, there are many places to prospect around the State where the water is not really that bad or dangerous and there is plenty of opportunity to find some gold. If you have purchased your copy of *Finding Gold in Colorado* by member Kevin Singel, then you know that there are over 180 places to go. Not all of them are inaccessible in high water season and there are places to go, you just have to do a little research and get out there and get it done. Of course, there are folks who will tell you where you can go but you really should have that book in your library anyway and I strongly encourage each of you to get it. Bring it to our meetings and Kevin will autograph it for you.



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In other news, the Jefferson County Magistrate closed Golden Detectors and took possession of the business and its inventory in March. The premises was then leased out to David Vigil of Sunny Mountain Prospecting from Colorado Springs. After remodeling and restocking, the business reopened as Sunny Mountain Prospecting North on April 9. Our good friend and fellow member Bill Chapman, had been running the business since the death of owner Louise Smyth, but she left no will and the business went into receivership until a decision by the County could be made. The bottom line is that the business is still located in Golden, though under a new name, and can provide you with whatever prospecting supplies that you may need.

Anyway.... that is the view from here and I wish you all Good Luck in your endeavors, no matter what they may be...! And until we meet again, keep your sunny sides up and may the bottoms of your pans turn bright with that treasured 'Yaller Gold'!

You may contact me at 303-452-6087 or at jnslong945@msn.com . Happy and safe prospecting to all!!!

The V.P. Corner by "Joe Fortunato



Greetings fellow GPR members, another month has come and gone and I still haven't managed to get out to do some prospecting or metal detecting. A week ago, I had all of my detecting gear in the truck ready to hit a couple of spots that I have permission to detect. I stopped by the home of a long-time friend to chat for half an hour before getting started detecting. A couple of other "old pals" were also there and we all sat around and talked for nearly five hours!! Well, by then, I was hungry for dinner. So I drove back home, carried all of my detecting gear back into the house and that was the end of my detecting adventure. Pretty dang embarrassing to admit, but I really did enjoy catching up with the guys. I hope that I can get my act together soon or I may be in need of some tutoring from some of you folks. It looks like we will finally be getting back together for an actual in person meeting in June. That sure is good news after over a year of postponements. I still have no firm plans for a trip to Nevada. I have not heard a thing from my friend Ken about when he might be getting his new gold detector. As of now, there is no word about a release date for customers in the U.S. I have been communicating with one of our members who is currently (April 30) in Nevada, detecting for gold. He didn't score his first two days, but we came up with a new plan over the phone yesterday evening. I hope that it works out for him, so he can report that he "beat that skunk" on this trip. I just now got a message from him and I will read it when I finish this article. I hope that it is good news. It is always exciting to hear that one of our friends has found gold. I will let you folks know how his trip turned out in next month's newsletter. I am also hoping to get down to the creek for some test panning. If I don't get it done soon, the high water could put the brakes on that idea. Heck, I haven't had a look at the creek recently, it may already be over!! I guess that will be all that I have for this month. Until next time. **MAY ALL YOUR ADVENTURES BE GOLDEN!!!!** Comments or Questions Call or Text me 303-263-7204 Joe Fortunato

From the Treasurer/Secretary Ledger by Joe Kafka



The Coronavirus has disrupted everything so whenever we are able to reconvene, the next Meeting will feature a nine (9) nugget giveaway, which will include a 2.4 gram nugget. We hope to have a new "Special Nugget" by then as well. Be sure and bring extra cash for the nugget giveaways We will hopefully present the February 2020 winner of the special nugget their beautiful prize. The Club remains in the black and members may request to see the financial report at any time which I have at my desk in the back whenever we finally get to reconvene. Hope to see you all there at the next meeting.!!

Board Meeting Minutes From Apr 2021

James Long	Joe Shubert	Joe Fortunato	John Johnson
Mike Stevens	Joe Johnston	Chris Kafka	Brandon Luchtenburg
Joe Kafka	Bobby Manning	Andy Doll	Gary Hawley



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THERE WAS NO BOARD MEETING FOR MARCH DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC.
HOPE TO SEE YOU SOON.

QUESTION OF THE MONTH FOR THE NEXT TIME WHENEVER WE MEET?

Subtract the # of electrons in an atom of gold from its atomic weight and that number is the answer to this month's question.

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General Meeting Minutes From Apr 2021

1. DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, THERE WAS NO Feb MEETING.
2. I am hoping that with a vaccine now, we will start seeing a turn around and be able to meet again by June or July 2021 for sure. Club Elections have been postponed until we do meet again. There will be several openings on the Board. If you are interested in running for one of the Offices, please contact President Long at 303-907-3540 or jnslong945@msn.com and let him know of your interest. You can nominate yourself.
3. Positions that will be available are President, Vice President, and three Board positions; two one-year positions and one two-year position.. Each of these positions are quickly and easily trainable!!!

A Miner's Laugh

An old miner's grandson had passed his driving test finally and asked his grandfather when he could drive the old man's truck. The old miner looked the boy over and said, "You bring your grades up, study your Bible real good, get your hair cut, and then we will talk about my truck". A few more weeks went by and the old miner told his grandson, "Well, I see that you have brought your grades up. And I have also noticed that you have been studying your Bible. But it is plain to see that you haven't bothered to cut your hair." The boy nodded and replied, Yes sir, I have done those things as you asked. But in the Bible, I noted that Sampson had long hair as well as John the Baptist. Even Moses had long hair and so did Jesus." His grandfather looked him dead in the eye and said, "That is true for a fact. And did you happen to notice that all of those men walked everywhere they wanted to go??"

(Taken from the internet and revised just for all us 'old miners')



The finds of the Month 2021:

Since we have been unable to meet since March 2020 and are unlikely to meet again this year, we will restart this event whenever we can get another meeting. So hang onto whatever you have until that day comes and we will start anew.



Near Appleton, New Found Gold keeps on Finding more Gold

By: [David Keating](#)

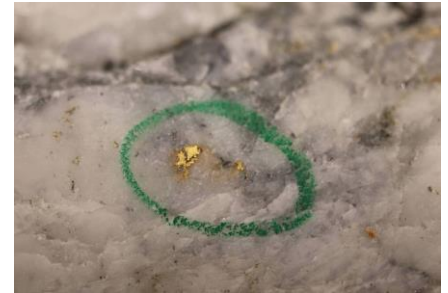
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It's an once-in-a-lifetime gold find, says Mike Regular, the senior project geoscientist for New Found Gold. A Newfoundlander who has travelled outside the province for his career in the mining industry, Regular says drilling results to date — including the latest positive report on March 23 — point to a world-class deposit near Appleton on a scale with some of the best gold-producing fields in the world.

"I have been doing mineral exploration for over 30 years across Canada, largely for gold and this is some of the best results I have ever seen," says Regular.

The Carlin, Nevada area, which Regular compares the find, to has been producing gold for more than 100 years.

The potential for a high-grade, lower-cost gold project has been generating significant interest within the mining industry. With samples showing results near 93 grams a tonne and gold prices hovering near historic highs, the good news from New Found Gold may usher in even more exploration activity.

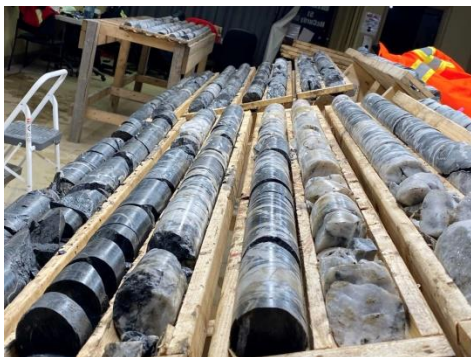


"As a province, our future in mining depends on the success of exploration projects such as New Found Gold's," says provincial Industry, Energy and Technology Minister Andrew Parsons. "This company's significant drill result that was announced last year of 92.9 grams per tonne of gold over 19 metres has focused the mining world's attention on our jurisdiction, highlighting the significant geological potential of our province."

In 2018, when Dwight Ball was premier of the province, the Liberal government introduced an industry development plan for mining entitled, "Mining the Future 2030." In it, the Liberals outlined a plan for five new mines in the province and the sustainable direct employment of 6,200 people.

Appleton stands to become one of those towns that will benefit from the opening of new mines in the province, but the project must first complete the entirety of its exploration process.

"It requires a lot of core drilling and surveys and sampling," says Regular. "New Found Gold's exploration program is massive to any Newfoundland and Labrador standards and the potential is immense. The company plans on drilling 200,000 metres of core in 1,500 holes."



Although it is still too early to establish a timeline for opening a producing goldmine in the area, Regular estimates it could take as long as 10 to 15 years. In the meantime, the massive scale of the exploration work involved is already generating skilled employment for the area.

"Just over a year ago there was maybe five or six of us working," says Regular. "Now, there are six drill rigs turning and about 110 to 120 people directly employed as NFG employees or contractors."

Parsons says the Newfoundland and Labrador government continues to play its role in making the province a jurisdiction where mining companies want to spend their exploration dollars.

"Newfoundland and Labrador ranked eighth globally in overall investment attraction in the latest Fraser Institute Annual Survey of Mining Companies released in February 2021," says Parsons. "We provide publicly funded and available research undertaken by the Geological Survey of Newfoundland and Labrador that offers baseline geological information, helping to support exploration efforts by companies such as New Found Gold. We have a competitive regulatory structure and offer our Junior Exploration Assistance Program."

For Regular, the opportunity to return to Newfoundland to work on a project that he described as in his own backyard and that could generate so much economic activity for the area is a dream come true.

"The play is gathering huge attention and bringing a well needed injection of exploration dollars into the region ...," says Regular. "Exploration is results driven. As long as good core intercepts and sample analysis are happening the exploration continues. At Queensway and the regional gold play, the potential is for multiple mines.

"Think of Kirkland Lake, Ont., or Fosterville in Australia, or Carlin, Nevada. There are multiple deposits and multiple mines."



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Customer Orders 'Priciest Facemask in the World'

By Newser Editors and Wire Services

(NEWSER) – An Israeli jewelry company is working on what it says will be the world's most expensive coronavirus mask, a gold, diamond-encrusted face covering with a price tag of \$1.5 million, the AP reports. The 18-karat white gold mask will be decorated with 3,600 white and black diamonds and fitted with top-rated N99 filters at the request of the buyer, said designer Isaac Levy. Levy, owner of the Yvel company, said the buyer had two other demands: that it be completed by the end of the year, and that it would be the priciest in the world. That last condition, he said, "was the easiest to fulfill." He declined to identify the buyer, but said he was a Chinese businessman living in the US.

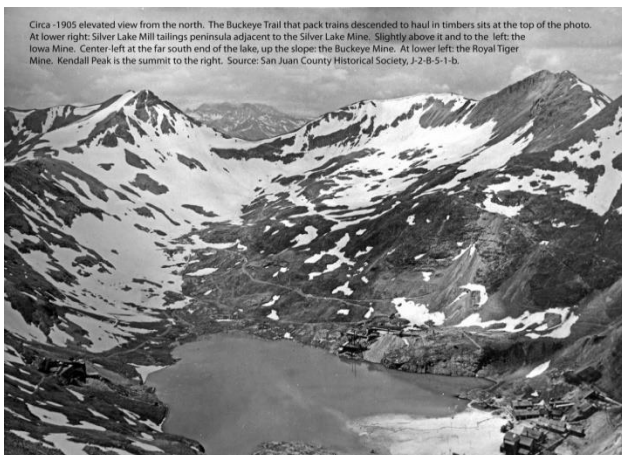
The glitzed-up facemask may lend some pizzazz to the protective gear now mandatory in public spaces in many countries. But at more than half a pound—nearly 100 times that of a typical surgical mask—it is not likely to be a practical accessory to wear. In an interview at his factory near Jerusalem, Levy showed off several pieces of the mask, covered in diamonds. One gold plate had a hole for the filter. "Money maybe doesn't buy everything, but if it can buy a very expensive COVID-19 mask and the guy wants to wear it and walk around and get the attention, he should be happy with that," Levy said. Such an ostentatious mask might also rub some the wrong way at a time when millions of people around the world are out of work or suffering economically.

The Silver Basin: A Colorado Chronicle (Part 6)

Historically, the Silver Lake, Iowa, Royal Tiger, and Buckeye constituted the working mines in Silver Lake Basin. In their heyday, the Silver Lake Mines Co. and the Iowa Gold Mining and Milling Company owned most, but not all, the claims, of which some overlapped and some extended under the lake. In 1891 the claims under various ownerships carried these picturesque names: Yellow Jacket, North Star, Big Bear, Thornton, Ulysses, Good Fortune, Cross Cut, Little Shaver, Martha U.F., Arabian Boy, Silver Spur, Round Mountain, Gretchen, Maxwell, Black Diamond, Stag, Rochester, Whale, American Boy, J.W. Collins, Grip, Melville, White Diamond, Belle of the West, Keystone, Sinaloa, Eclipse, Pickwick, Silver Lake, Iowa, Royal Tiger, Royal Tiger No. 1, and Buckeye. By 1905 the number of claims in Silver Lake Basin had more than doubled. Silver Lake Basin occupies a niche without parallel in Colorado mining history. Located only four air miles from Silverton, the region's metropolis and trading center, the cirque lies in a site so remote that it hindered early exploration and development. It first saw prospectors in 1876, so production came well after documented activity as early as 1860 at the floor of adjacent Arrastra Gulch. Following the Silver Crash of 1893, the basin's output defied the statewide trend and ranked among the greatest in the district. Silver Lake Basin witnessed innovation, including the introduction of AC power to its mines, compressed-air systems, and electric-model drills, ahead of the rest of the San Juan area. Domestic amenities introduced at its boarding houses included flush toilets, dishwashers, and a septic system. Some of the longest tramways in the Las Animas Mining District served its mines. Despite the challenges that devastating fires, avalanches, legislation, and sickness posed, its miners persisted in extracting the riches their veins offered. Edward and Gustavus Stoiber were paramount among a handful of pioneers who developed the practice of mining and milling low-grade ores in economies of scale, and they applied their expertise at Silver Lake Basin. For over a decade, they, with the

aid of their partners, established a monopoly that expanded and controlled the locale's output, an arrangement that at this time might violate antitrust laws. With their German work ethic, these two brothers epitomized the strike-it-rich success story on a scale their peers surely envied.

In 2015 ASARCo owned the claims that comprised the four mining properties situated at Silver Lake. Scant evidence of the basin's once-abundant, state-of-the-art surface structures remains, and the area constitutes an archaeological site. Silver Lake holds contaminated water, with an increasing metal concentration at depth, resulting from the submerged mill tailings and mine dump rock. An analytical study published in 2009 identified the primary pollutants as lead, zinc, iron, aluminum, copper, and cadmium. But of these metals, only lead tested above the MCL120



Circa - 1905 elevated view from the north. The Buckeye Trail that pack trains descended to haul in timbers sits at the top of the photo. At lower right: Silver Lake Mill tailings peninsula adjacent to the Silver Lake Mine. Slightly above it and to the left: the Iowa Mine. Center-left at the far south end of the lake, up the slope: the Buckeye Mine. At lower left: the Royal Tiger Mine. Kendall Peak is the summit to the right. Source: San Juan County Historical Society, J-2-B-5-1-b.

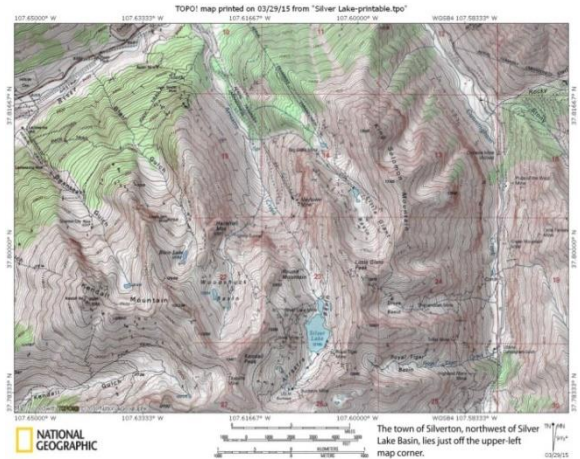


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(maximum contaminant level) the reading at which a toxin in drinking water poses a known or expected health risk. At the time of the study, water bugs made up the only evidence of life in the lake.

Visiting Silver Lake Basin:

Accessing Silver Lake today is scarcely easier than when John Reed staked his claims in 1876 because time has witnessed the passage of the tramways and most of the mule trails. Two options are available. The more direct route involves driving east of Silverton two miles along County Road 2. At the renovated Mayflower Mill, turn south and wind down a hill. Cross the wide bridge over the Animas River at the mouth of Arrastra Gulch and continue 2.5 miles or so, on foot or in a 4X4 or OHV (off-highway vehicle), to the Mayflower Mine site. You will encounter several forks in the road; just follow the tramway towers, still standing, up to the mine. Then, from the trailhead where the road ends, hike about 1.25 miles to the top of the headwall and on down to Silver Lake. Allow at least four hours to make the trip from the mine up to the lake and back. This trail has several steep switchbacks that cut across scree (detritus) where cribbing has given out and a rope helps hikers navigate a rock ledge. Use extreme caution here. Generally, you can make the trip in late July but the prime time stretches from August through the beginning of October. Even then, huge avalanche debris fields that do not completely melt can cross the trail, requiring extra vigilance. The Silverton Visitors' Center can provide further information for planning your trip. The second access option, safer but much longer, involves hiking or driving south (OHV or 4X4 vehicle only) from the Silverton city limits on County Road 33, the Kendall Mountain Road, which skirts the mountain's base. You'll find an old USGS topographical map along with a modern GPS unit helpful.



Approximately two miles from Silverton, the road splits. The left fork proceeds up Kendall Gulch to the abandoned Titusville Mine, with a branch ascending close to the top of the mountain. Follow the right fork, County Road 33A, the Deer Park Road, which miners of old employed to haul in timbers to Silver Lake Basin by burro. Where Deer Park Road nears Deer Park Creek, you have two choices.

Choice 1:

You can continue driving on the road a quarter mile, then veer to the left on foot and hike east on a pack trail. Eventually it climbs steeply northeast and leads to the Buckeye Mine site above the south shore of Silver Lake. Or,

Choice 2:

you can keep driving east on Deer Park Road, north of the creek, about a mile until you reach the marsh north of the Montana Mine site. Opposite the access road to this mine, leave Deer Park Road and take the Buckeye Trail, which heads north and becomes a braided elk path through the woods. In time it climbs northeast and intersects the pack trail referenced in Choice 1, taking you to the Buckeye Mine site. *(Final part 7 next month)*

It Took Months to Get Their Mining Permit. It Was Worth the Wait

By Jenn Gidman, Newser Staff

(NEWSER) – It was an exciting episode Thursday of *Aussie Gold Hunters* on Discovery, with a family find that could soon make them several hundred thousand dollars richer. Prospector Brent Shannon searches for gold in Australia with his brother-in-law Ethan West as the "Poseidon Crew," and West says he has unearthed thousands of small nuggets over the past four years or so. But they managed to recently excavate a much bigger golden chunk near Victoria's Tarnagulla—in fact, two chunks, in the same day, per a Discovery Channel press release cited by CNN. The two nuggets weighed 7.7 pounds together, and their value is estimated at \$250,000.

That price could jump by up to 30% if a private collector takes the





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nuggets off their hands. Per *People*, Shannon told the Aussie morning show *Sunrise* that, working with West's father, Paul, they used an excavator to dig up a bunch of dirt, spread it out over the ground, and then scan it with metal detectors. "We can recover more gold that way, and it's a better way to do it and a safer way to mine," he said. It took the men months to get the permit to dig in this area, and the section they were in had never been mined before. "Nobody has seen these pieces of gold for millions of years and we're the first people to lay eyes on them," Shannon said. "To have two large chunks in one day is quite amazing."

Haaland Confirmed as Head of Department of Interior

By Scott Harn, Editor of ICMJ's Prospecting and Mining Journal

The US Senate confirmed Representative Deb Haaland (D-New Mexico) to head the Department of Interior by a vote of 51-40. Nine members were not present; Republicans Lindsay Graham, Dan Sullivan, Lisa Murkowski and Susan Collins joined the Democrats with 'yes' votes. Haaland's views have been labeled 'extreme' by some members of Congress. She participated in a protest against the Dakota Access pipeline and supported the 'Breen New Deal' as a member of Congress. "Representative Haaland's extreme policy views, lack of substantive answers during the confirmation process, and full support for President Biden's war on American energy disqualify her for the job of Interior Secretary," said Senator John Barrasso (R-Wyoming). "Her views on American energy fly in the face of the mission of the Department of the Interior," he further added.

Proposed Bills aim to Lock up Millions of Acres of Public Lands

By Scott Harn

Democrats in the House proposed a huge lands package to place additional public lands off-limits in Arizona, California, Colorado and Washington. On February 26, the House passed the package of eight bills that would designate millions of additional acres as wilderness, add 1200 miles of rivers to the Wild and Scenic Rivers System, and withdraw more than one million acres from new mining claims. In Arizona, mining claims would be prohibited on approximately one million acres outside the Grand Canyon. The lands package targets several areas in California. In southern California, it seeks to add over 100,000 acres to the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument, designate 45.5 miles of rivers as Wild and Scenic, and create a 40,000 acre National Recreation Area. Included are all three forks of the San Gabriel River, where gold mining has been popular for over 100 years. Another 191,000 acres would be added to the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. In central California, 287,500 acres in the Carrizo Plain and Los Padres National Forest would be designated as part of the National Wilderness Preservation System. In northern California, the proposal by Congressman Jared Huffman would lock up over one million acres and designate 480 miles of rivers as Wild and Scenic including portions of the Trinity River system and going as far north as the Smith and Illinois River watersheds in Siskiyou County. In Colorado, the bills would designate 660,000 additional acres as wilderness in various smaller pockets throughout the State. Up in Washington State, 457 miles of rivers in and around Olympic National Forest would be designated as Wild and Scenic and over 130,000 acres of the area would be designated for wilderness. While the package of bills passed the House mostly along party lines, they face a tougher road in the Senate where 60 votes are required. Congressman Huffman stated he is optimistic the package can be attached to a spending bill or defense-related bill to push it through. You can get more information on these topics and the bills at

<https://naturalresources.house.gov/media/media-advisories/wilderness2021>

President Biden previously declared his administration's goal is to protect 30 percent of America's lands by 2030. According to the US Geological Survey, approximately 12% of US lands are permanently protected currently. Over 400 million additional acres of public lands would have to be placed off-limits over the next ten years to reach this goal!! *(I honestly believe in my heart of hearts that a fair percentage of democrats have no idea what machinations go on behind the closed doors of the Democratic Party hierarchy. It is plain to me as it has been to many others that the goal of these people is to shut off access to our public lands, to stop all forms of mining except that which pleases the government for its own selfish reasons, and that includes logging and a lot of other uses of public lands. Their public ideas and platforms sound enticing to their 'supporters' who don't look above the presented 'honey' to see the guillotine over their heads.....Pres. Long)*



WATCH FOR SNAKES THIS SEASON

Depending on where you live, spring is in the air, either a little or a lot. What that mostly means is we're all getting out and about more to prospect for gold, metal detect, and just clean up around our property. Especially as restrictions from Covid-19 are lifted, we're hankering to get out and have fun. In general, springtime ushers in rain, warmer temperatures, and blooming flowers. You can add something else to that list: snakes.

Snakes love warmer days. As reptiles, their body temperature mirrors air temperature, so it's common to begin seeing many more snakes this time of year. That means spring is also a good time to be extra vigilant about where you step and sit. Most rattlesnake bites occur when you accidentally step on or near a snake and startle it. That's easy to do when you're zoning out swinging a detector or hiking in tall grass toward your favorite gold-bearing river. When you are otherwise distracted by gold fever or a chore (stacking wood, cleaning out your shed, landscaping), you might not be thinking about where you're putting your hands and feet.

People have a lot of fear about snakes and think they're dangerous. If you are harassing a rattlesnake or trying to grab one and they bite you, yes, they can be dangerous. If you leave them alone, they are not purposely going to attack you. After all, a snake uses its venom for food, not for defense. Most snakes are not outwardly aggressive unless provoked or startled. Some snakes, such as the cottonmouth, are known to be more aggressive than others are, but again, that's only when harassed.

Keep in mind that snakes of many species are done hunkering down now that the weather is warmer, making human encounters more likely with ALL types of snakes. You might even see snakes in more northern areas where you've not seen them before. In general, rattlesnakes are most active from March through October. In the spring, they are active during daylight hours. As days become increasingly hot around early May, rattlesnakes become more active at night and spend the day in a spot of shade or a cool shelter.



If you are bitten by a snake, the Mayo Clinic advises:

- Call 911 immediately or get yourself to a hospital as quickly as possible.
- While waiting for medical help stay calm and position the body so that the bite is at or below heart level.
- Remove jewelry or tight clothing before swelling starts.
- Do NOT apply ice or a tourniquet on or near the bite.
- Do NOT cut the wound or attempt to suck out the venom.
- Do NOT drink caffeine or alcohol, which could speed the body's absorption of venom.

As you venture outside this spring and summer, help protect your lower legs with snake gaiters—they also help protect against thorns, briars, and cacti needles. If you've ever brushed against them by accident, you know how painful that can be! Snake leggings are used by the US Border Patrol, US Forestry Service, hunters, hikers, fishermen, ranchers, surveyors, realtors, landscapers, and thousands of treasure hunters who need protection for lower legs. Don't take a chance! Take precautions to be safe this season— whether in the desert or woods — by adding **snake gaiters** to your list of “must have” equipment.






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<https://www.wmmi.org/>) (Free to GPR Member with badge)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6 D-Day	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Flag Day	15	16 GPR Club Meeting	17	18	19
20 Father's Day	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			