

California Federation of Mineralogical Societies

Field Trips – North Seminar

What Rockhounds Need to Know About Claims

Date: *Saturday, March 21, 2009*

Location: *Community Presbyterian Church
200 East Leland Road, Pittsburg, California 94565*

Hosted by: *Contra Costs Mineral and Gem Society*

Schedule:	8:30 – 9:00	Registration and coffee
	9:00 – 12:00	Seminar presentations
	12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
	1:00 – 3:00	Conclude Seminar presentations

Cost: *Cost of the seminar is \$5.00 which includes coffee, a lunch of hot dogs with all of the trimmings, chips and a beverage.*

The presenter is Dr. Gregg Wilkerson from the Bakersfield BLM District Office. He will speak on the following topics:

- *General overview and history of claims and claiming. What it means when a piece of land is claimed.*
- *Current status of claim procedure. What is “claimable”?*
- *What are the rights and obligations of a Claim Holder?*
- *What are the rights and obligations of the public in respect to a claim?*
- *Use of claims to have and maintain access to rockhounding areas.*
- *How to stake and file a claim.*
- *Where and how to get information about claims and claimed land?*

This seminar is for field trip leaders and all rockhounds who collect on BLM and Forest Service land. All CFMS society members and guests are welcome. Please reserve your place at this seminar by notifying Dick Pankey at dickpankey@juno or 925-439-7509 no later than March 16th.

Directions: Take Hwy 4 to Pittsburg. Exit on to Railroad Ave. Go south on Railroad to Leland Rd., approximately ½ miles. Turn left and go ¼ mile, then turn right into church parking lot; follow orange signs. Proceed past the church and turn left. Park and follow signs to the Social Hall. Easiest access is from south side of church.

