Afton Canyon, CA March 7-8, 2020

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Details: Afton Canyon in the North Cady Mountains is a beautiful place to explore and scour the washes and upper ridges for a unique blend of jaspers in red/purple/orange/gold/mustard, agates with inclusions, jasp-agates, hematite, and some interesting onyx in float. This area provides an easy access dry BLM Campground with pit toilets next to the mouth of the Canyon, the Mojave River, and the train trestle. Across the River and under the trestle, opposite the campground is Pyramid Canyon. Exploring up this canyon and on the upper ridges is bound to produce some interesting specimens and cutting material. On Saturday, we’ll meet up at 8:30 and depart at 9am to explore the hikeable terrain from the campground and have a potluck dinner and bonfire in the evening. For those who stay on Sunday, we’ll take votes on driving around to enter the Canyon from Basin Rd, exploring some boggy deposits across I-15 to the North, or continuing exploration deeper up the Canyons. The BLM campground is accessible by 2wd vehicles, beyond the campground is 4wd only high clearance, and if we go around to Basin Rd, it’s 4wd, but Subaru type clearance can be appropriate. Bring a bucket, sunscreen, water, food and firewood and let’s have a good time! Contact Andrew Bloxom, the field trip chairperson for any questions.

Direction and additional information:

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