



**Mountain West Outdoor Club Newsletter**  
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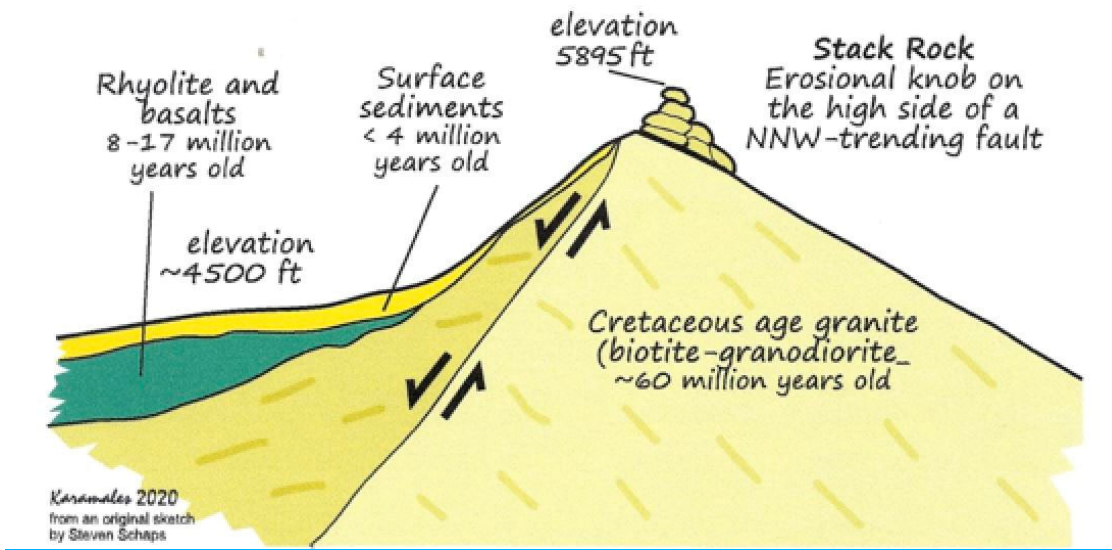
January weather afforded plentiful opportunities for outside recreation. Hike leaders have done a great job of finding dry trails. Nordic outings are continuing on Thursdays as shown on these smiling faces.

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Thank you to MWOC member, Steve Schaps, a retired Geophysicist, for writing and sharing this interesting geologic article about a local landmark with special meaning to many club members. Watch next month for Steve's writeup on the formation of the Chukar Butte Frog Ponds.

Stack Rock is a landmark that can be seen for miles because of its pointy top sitting on top of a high ridge facing to the West towards Avimor. Have you ever wondered how it formed? Stack Rock is composed of Cretaceous age Granite (a biotite-Granodiorite to be specific); it is about 60 million years old. It sits on a ridge that trends to the North and is asymmetric being steeper on the western flank than the eastern flank. The western flank of the ridge is cut by a large fault which down drops the Granite at least 1,000 feet and creates the dramatic topography of the area. Unlike the fault zone near Stanley Idaho this fault older and not seismically active and unlikely to produce earthquakes. Younger volcanic rocks principally rhyolite and basalt bury most of the granite in the valley areas like Avimor. These extrusive volcanic rocks are much younger being 8-17 million years old. Surface sediments fewer than 4 million years old cover the volcanic rocks and the granite in the valleys but these sediments are not very thick and patchy outside of the main creek valleys.

You can find out more about the hike/bike route to Stack Rock by going to [www.boisetrails.com](http://www.boisetrails.com) or consulting the RidgeTo Rivers Trail Map. The Avimor Trail to Stack Rock is closed until 4/1/2021 but the R2R Trail is open year-around.



## Busy Trails in Boise's Foothills -

Setting the Stage for Changing with the Times Virtual Meeting 1/19/2021

If you were unable to watch the Ridge to Rivers Zoom meeting on January 19, you can see that presentation here <https://www.ridgetorivers.org/media/2293/virtual-presentation.pdf>

A survey will be available later this week for providing feedback on proposed changes to four local trails. <https://www.ridgetorivers.org/>

## The Campaign for Sawtooth National Park

The Fettuccine Forum, Boise, hosts periodic programs on the history of our area. On Thursday, Feb 4, 6PM, there will be a Zoom presentation on the failed attempt to create a Sawtooth National Park in the early 1900's and the evolution of the management plan since that time. Free pre-registration is required. <https://www.boiseartsandhistory.org/eventlistitem?id=3BC283838B0175CAEF2C0B838AD17137>.

contact Mary Brown with questions [brownmeb@gmail.com](mailto:brownmeb@gmail.com)

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### MID-WEEK ACTIVITIES

**TUESDAY HIKES** Email announcements are sent each week with location and time. Hikes are of moderate difficulty, 4 to 6 miles, lasting approximately 2 to 2.5 hours. Starting time varies with time of year and weather conditions. If you have questions contact Pat Dailey, 208-272-0639.

**WEDNESDAY HIKES** begin at 10 AM winter, earlier in the summer. Hikes are fast-paced, of challenging difficulty, 5 or more miles and lasting 3 or more hours, depending on trail and weather conditions. Challenging difficulty means that you'll need to be in good hiking condition because of significant elevation gain and/or increased mileage. Watch for an email announcement of meeting place and hike description. If you have questions, contact Scott Stolhand, 208-891-2214.

**THURSDAY NORDIC AFTERNOON SKI/SNOWSHOE** Look for weekly email posts for this January and February activity. Meet at Camel's Back Park parking lot for a **noon** departure. Carpools will not be organized by leader.

When we arrive at Bogus, we need to change into our gear at the car. From there, we will buy/show our pass at a window on the outside of the lodge. Then we can use the rest room, the entrance being on the left side of the building. They are limiting the number of people in the lodge to 2-4 people for very short periods of time.

No outside food allowed inside the lodge. This will eliminate our gathering that we used to enjoy after skiing/snowshoeing for a couple of hours. :( (I'm still planning on bringing food but will eat it on the trail.)

Any questions, email Ruth at: [ruthg1617@gmail.com](mailto:ruthg1617@gmail.com)

**THURSDAY HIKES** and other miscellaneous activities will be posted via email. If you have questions contact Liz McWhorter, 208-891-0426.

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## GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**EMAILS** Local mid-week activities (hikes, paddles, bike-rides, etc.) are announced through Wild Apricot emails. If you have questions about sending or receiving e-mails, please contact Kay Stoll at [teksas2steppe@gmail.com](mailto:teksas2steppe@gmail.com). Group emailing is not to be used to advocate for any political issue, whether national or local. Messages that provide only factual information, such as the time and place of a meeting, or an issue of likely interest to members are welcome.

**MWOC ACTIVITIES** Planning a MWOC excursion? Or thinking of an excursion where you would like to invite like-minded souls? For publication in the newsletter send details to [clg83706@yahoo.com](mailto:clg83706@yahoo.com).

**MWOC WEBSITE** You don't have to login to visit most of the MWOC pages, including the calendar of events, news, and resources. The pages that require login are your own profile, membership directory, and Gallery. If you haven't already created a password for the website, click on Login at the top of the page, enter your email address, and click "Forgot password." You will receive an email message with instructions. Please address questions to [laura.jenski@gmail.com](mailto:laura.jenski@gmail.com).

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