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I have been suction dredge mining for many years in several western states including California. I have see all sides of this issue and witnessed the good and bad elements. Simply put, suction dredge mining, when performed in a responsible manner, has little or no negative effect on water quality. It has been delared De Minimus my many agencies and there have been many cerdible scientifice studies performed in support of this. In fact there are numnerous studies that show it is actually beneficial to fish.

There is a very vocal and persistent culture that wishes to ban dredging. I have seen them tirelessly file suit after suit, create junk scientific reports even sabotage legitimate mining operations. All I ask of you is that you look at this situation using valid science and impartiality. Don't let others use false information to further their personal agenda.

Thank you,
Dan Miller

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