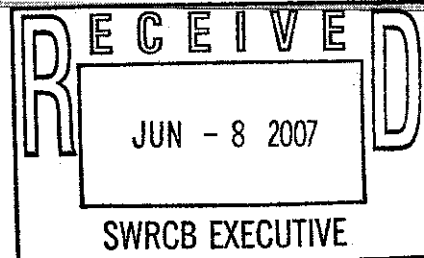


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This is for all those politicians that want to destroy the fun and prosperous industry of gold mining on a smaller scale. Shame on you for even thinking of banning gold dredging. It is not only fun and exciting to do it can be profitable at times. The way I see it is you want to take away one of our constitutional rights( The Pursuit of Happiness) and give it to the big corporations to rape the land. We as gold dredgers are ecologically minded and careful not to destroy the land. we just do what nature does and that is shift the earth under the water to another place. We don't hydro the mountains or river banks or open giant pits and totally destroy the mountain to get the ore like the mine near the Silver Queen between Rosamond and Mojave in Southern CA. We are careful for the environment and our lives. We are counting on you to support us in our pursuit of Happiness and freedom to continue to be able to gold dredge.

Thank you for your time,  
Gary Emmons  
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