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Sir: Would you please explain to me the difference of the effect a dredge has on a water way as compared to the effect of spring run off and flash floods? I would say that if you want to stop the possible adverse effects of dredging you also make a massive effort to stop all spring run offs and for sure any flash floods in your State. Other than the effect of a small gas engine in the form of noise and exhaust fumes near the water as compared to the noise, direct exhaust fumes introduced into water by an out board boat motor (you would have to stop using any out board motors), not to mention the noise and fumes from cars on roads near a water way (you would have to move any road near a waterway), I think the only added effect is the methane passes by the prospectors working the dredge. (Humm! Seems I read something about New Zealand reducing their sheep population to reduce the methane they produce.)

I will not mention the value in gold and other precious metals and gems that will stop coming into you State, not to mention the cash the prospectors will not spend, never mind the jobs they create.

If you want to stop all gold production from any placer deposit, please stop dredging. It will leave all that gold for the next species that inherits your State.

YOS
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