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**Subject:** Proposed Curtailment of Small Scale Gold Dredging Activities on California Streams

6/12/07 Workshop  
Suction Dredge Mining  
Deadline: 6/22/07 Noon

Dear Sir or Madam:

Thank You for this opportunity to comment on this issue. I am not a dredger and have no axe to grind here except that I do enjoy recreational gold prospecting and as such I urge you to carefully analyze the existing data from the numerous studies that show that no significant adverse impact results from small scale dredging activities. Common sense would illustrate that the amount of temporary turbidity that results from the operation of a small scale dredge is tiny indeed when compared with that which results from flood waters and natural runoff into those same streams and no one seems to be concerned with that. I believe that the objections raised by so called "environmentalists" is nothing more than a thinly veiled attempt to further lock-up government managed properties that are intended for multiple use by ALL citizens. Please consider carefully the impact of decisions that you will be making. Thank You.

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