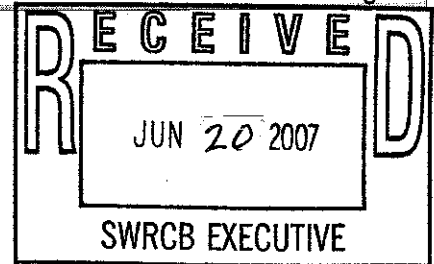


Suction Dredge Mining  
Deadline: 6/22/07 Noon



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Dear Sirs

I am sure that by this time you have gotten many letter quoting the same studies on the effects of dredging on river water quality. I also could take the time to paste them form web pages for you to read again but I will instead speak from personal experience. I am part of a small group of three that goes dredging about 6 times a year on Slate creek in Sierra County. To work this creek you must get to the cracks in the bed rock and scrape them for gold. This requires clear water to be able to see the gold first. We have always been able to set up with in 300 feet of each other using 4 inch dredges and not had a problem with clouding each other out.. Also by the next morning I am unable to see any sediment laying on top of the stream bed behind the tailings. this would seem to indicate that it has all settled back out the stream bed. As you search for answers to the effects dredging has on water quality please remember that almost any study can be written to support any conclusion a group may want. Please give some weight to comments coming from long time users of our water ways that day to day year to year see want if any changes our dredging has had on the places we go.

Thank You

Michael Laier