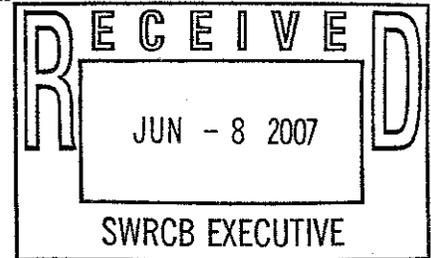


Suction Dredge Mining

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To Whom it may concern

My husband and I are tax payers in the State of California.

Recently, we took up the sport of mining to get out into the country and just have some fun.

We are shocked that with all the resources needed to feed the poor and educate the ignorant people that exist you can find the time or take our tax payer dollars to stop this sort of mining that when all is said and done "moves a few rocks around".

As long as folks leave no trash when they are mining we see no damage to anything. In fact, most of the miners pick up other peoples trash (people who are not mining) which saves the counties money.

Pretty soon we members of the United States will have no rights and our every move will be monitored.

There is no by-product from this, mining does not cause contamination.

Folks take rocks and dirt, pour water over them with hopes of finding tiny little pieces of gold, than the rocks and the water go back, with no chemicals and no waste.

Good people, having a good time and working with the environment.

New houses, construction, the cutting of trees, chemical waste dumping, over fishing, now there are some problems, not moving a few rocks around having fun, being out in the fresh air.

Sue and George Bowman