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Song Her, Clerk to the Board
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State Water Resources Control Board
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Comment letter; suction dredge mining

Dear Board Members:

Please continue evaluation of suction dredge mining’s impacts upon water quality not only from the disruption of the underwater habitat for endangered and other species, but also for the adverse impact that commercialization of this “recreational individual activity” has as a profit oriented business is destroying natural shoreline of rivers and streams. Camps and essentially renting access to mining claims is resulting in more camps and dredge lines along rivers, as is the that of New 49-3e4s Prospecting Association out of Happy Camp and elsewhere.

The court ordered full CEQA process and your support of clean waters by evaluation and resulting rulings is essential.

Sincerely,

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