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Suction Dredge Mining
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To whom it my concern,

This concerns everyone that wants to enjoy the outdoors. from everything I've read there is no big impact with suction dredging as pointed out by experts.

The California Department of Fish and Game (1997) described typical dredging activities as follows: "An individual suction dredge operation affects a relatively small portion of a stream or river. A recreational suction dredger (representing 90-percent of all dredgers) may spend a total of four to eight hours per day in the water dredging an area of 1 to 10 square meters. The average number of hours is 5.6 hours per day. The remaining time is spent working on equipment and processing dredged material. The area or length of river or streambed worked by a single suction dredger, as compared to total river length, is relatively small compared to the total available area."

The real problem is God and Mother nature.

One of these two cause flooding every spring which erodes the river banks.

The waters carry all types of natural materials to the ocean.

When a miner uses a dredge he creates a miniature disturbance nothing close to what God or Mother Nature creates.

People that want us to stop dredging, should visit with God.

Let us enjoy what God gave us to harvest.

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