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Good day:

I am a fly fisherman as well as a small scale miner and have conducted both activities on the Klamath river during my 55 year lifetime. I'm all for protecting the environment and its fish, but not at the cost of illogical or unfair regulations. I understand that the recently released DEIR on the Klamath River dam removal project determined that, over the 24 months following the proposed removal, there would be zero impact to water quality despite an estimated 20-30 million cubic yards of sediment being flushed through the system.

I also understand that the moratorium placed on gold dredging in the Klamath River was supported by the theory that dredging would have a negative impact on water quality, both from sediment as well as heavy metals being stirred up, despite the fact that it would likely take generations for 4" dredges to produce the same amount of sediment that the dam removal project would.

So my question is this: how can the 20-30 million cubic yards of sediment be determined to have no impact on water quality while that of a limited number of gold dredges scattered throughout the Klamath system be determined to have a detrimental affect so severe that a moratorium was placed on their usage?

I look forward to your answer to this question.

Many thanks,

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