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Comments:

The usfs should provide the scientific evidence of significant disturbance created by small scale dredging. I have a legal claim and the mining law provides me the right to extract the minerals from my legally obtained claim. Every forest service supervisor seems to have their own interpretation of significant disturbance. It seems the usfs is going contrary to their own stated directive of supporting and encouraging small scale mining. A small dredge does not remove anything but precious metals and lead, mercury, and other trash your beloved tourist throws in the river. I bet the usfs hasn't been in the river lately to remove some of the rubbish that's thrown in the river. I have to obtain a permit from the state water regulatory agency which requires a visit from a fish biologist. All the forest service does is take my money and harass me while I am trying to dredge. I oppose this based on the above.