

**Appendix E**  
**FORM LETTER 3 AND VARIANTS**



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Thank you for considering my concerns.



**Form Letter 3**  
**VARIANTS**



**Subject:** Comment on Suction Dredge Mining DSEIR

**Date:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011 12:16:55 PM PT

**From:** Tai Kim

**To:** mstopher@dfg.ca.gov

Dear Mark,

RE: Black Krim claim, Elk Creek , Siskiyou County (BLM CAMC #292073).

Please take notice that I am the owner of the Black Krim claim, located on Elk Creek in Siskiyou County (Bureau of Land Management CAMC #292073). I have reviewed your proposed regulations for suction dredging, which appear to forbid any and all suction dredge mining on my claim.

I am writing to commend you and show my support for these proposed regulations. Not only do I practice mining on my claim without the use of suction dredging practices, I also reside on private property adjacent to my claim and see the negative effects on the fish and water caused by dredge mining on claims upcreek from my home and claim location. Salmon populations are clearly in decline and I and my fellow claimants feel strongly that this cornerstone species of our ecosystem deserves all the help we can give them in maintaining an existence here in the Klamath watershed.

Thank you very much for taking the time to review my comments. I am fully in support of the ban on suction dredge mining on all tributaries and the mainstem of the Klamath River. Best of luck on your work in getting approval for these regulations.

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**From:** ["Trisha Lotus"](#)  
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**Date:** 04/22/2011 1:11:48 AM  
**Subject:** Comment on Suction Dredge Mining DSEIR

Dear Mark,

Please I ask that this need for greed to stop. It is destroying the balance in our planet's ecosystem.

No More. Suction dredge mining has no place in the 21st century. Historic gold mining has left a legacy of toxic waste in our watersheds that has yet to be cleaned up. Present day suction dredge mining, while different from the old ways, carries many of the same dangers, while presenting new problems.

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Listen to experts; do the right thing. Expert hydrologists and fish and wildlife biologists have consistently testified that suction dredge mining destroys the clear, cold water that many species depend on, including threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead. Furthermore, suction dredging mobilizes toxic mercury, creating a health risk, not only for fish and wildlife, but for people too.

Ban Suction dredge mining permanently. How could the department allow this destructive practice to continue. At a minimum, any final regulations must prohibit suction dredge mining in all waters that harbor sensitive fish or wildlife and future recovery areas for these species. All waterways that are listed as impaired for any reason should also be closed to suction dredging.

We must replenish and save our rivers or they will die. If our rivers die, we die. Pretty cut and dry.

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Thank you for your consideration.

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**From:** ["Arthur Mitchell"](#)  
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**Subject:** Comment on Suction Dredge Mining DSEIR

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Suction dredge mining has no place in the 21st century. Historic gold mining has left a legacy of toxic waste in our watersheds that has yet to be cleaned up. Present day suction dredge mining, while different from the old ways, carries many of the same dangers, while presenting new problems. The Zero Sum is exponential in cost for people: environment and wildlife habitat. A law written in 1872 that has no applicable safeguard for implementing 21st century technology, is a law that must be revised.

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**Subject:** Comment on Suction Dredge Mining DSEIR

**Date:** Tuesday, May 10, 2011 1:22:56 PM PT

**From:** Dave Payne

**To:** mstopher@dfg.ca.gov

Dear Mark,

I would like to applaud the Dept of Fish and Game for removing Elk Creek and Indian Creek and other creeks from waters open for suction dredging. I do wonder why Dillon Creek, which has been closed to mining was "opened up". I believe this is a tragic mistake.

Dillon Creek is inaccessible except near the Forest Service campground near the confluence with the Klamath River. This campground would be ruined if miners were allowed to operate suction dredges in the crystal clear swimming holes. This campground is famous for these world class swimming holes and the isolated quiet of this remote location. The noise, clutter, and occupancy associated with suction dredging would dramatically change this family campground into a mining camp. This is simply not acceptable for the residents of western Siskiyou County.

I have concerns about the suction dredge community bringing in aquatic invasive species such as Quagga/zebra mussels with their dredging equipment. Local mining clubs on the Klamath River attract people from all over the United States, many of whom reside in areas infected with quagga/zebra muscels. Please address this issue when you finalize your suction dredge program on California rivers.

The following comments are a "canned response" that I have varying amounts of agreement with.

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Please keep Dillon Creek closed to suction dredging.

Thanks for getting the dredges out of Elk Creek (my drinking water supply) and Indian Creek. Please do the right thing for the aquatic creatures that share our water systems. Thanks.

Thank you for considering my concerns.

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**Subject:** Comment on Suction Dredge Mining DSEIR

Dear Mark,

It is disingenuous to pretend that suction dredging is anything but destructive to rivers and fisheries.

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