

Hi my name is Dan Cox 1806 Elm St #1 Forest Grove OR Thank you for considering these comments. Near Grants Pass I purchase food at restaurants and groceries at supermarkets During the dredge Season. I am occasionally rent a motel for showering and better rest during the dredge season.

At my mine on the Illinois River my water usage is just a circulation issue. I do not store water or run it through the earth in any fashion. The water goes in the dredge nozzle and right back out through the sluice box. By suction dredging I create a small plume of debris behind my dredge where the little fish enjoy an abundance of food.

The forest service could benefit from the impoundment of waters at many Mining locations for the use of firefighting. Proper water impoundment in some locations increase the likelihood of beneficial wildlife habitat. Rules that and that allow impoundment of water during rainy seasons would be extremely beneficial for all. Miners can recirculate their processing water through settlement ponds and not dirty the running waters of the streams. As a river Miner I gladly share the waters with those who kayak, canoe, fish, camp and swim. Thank you for not allowing these measures to change the revenue or the enjoyment that comes to an area through all of these activities.

Sincerely
Dan Cox