

HR 2841

Dear Representative Whitsett:

I urge you to support this bill.

As a small scale gold miner that has a deeded claim, any new regulations that impede my activity has an economic impact and does curtail my property rights. The current atmosphere to ban and restrict mining goes against all scientific studies available, as mining does not impact fisheries or water quality. We currently are restricted to a small window of activity during June to September to protect salmon. We appreciate the need to refrain from disturbing the fishery during this time frame. Any further attempt to eliminate mining should be openly discussed and use scientific reporting to make proper and informed decisions.

Oregon has a rich 150-year history of gold mining and is today, still one of the most pristine states in its forests and beautiful waterways. They can't get any more spectacular.

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