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To: Reiley Beth; Lutman Jennifer
Subject: Opposition to Suction Dredge Mining

Greetings,

Thanks you for taking the time to read and consider this email.

Suction dredge mining is a damaging practice to the Southern Oregon region. The practice itself is regressive, as it removes benefits from the majority and places them in the hands of a few. Specifically, a few people are enhanced by the resources that they take from the river while the majority are left with a river environment that is less suitable for wildlife habitat, recreation and enjoyment. I would encourage you to favor policies that support the public majority for usage over the usage of a select few.

The damage to water quality, the damage to the fish habitat, the noise pollution, and visual disturbance that we see with suction dredges in the region is enough for me too oppose it.

As a river guide, a fisherman, an outdoor recreation instructor, and resident who wants my kids to be able to enjoy the areas rivers to the fullest, I oppose suction dredging and hope that you will too.

Thanks,
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