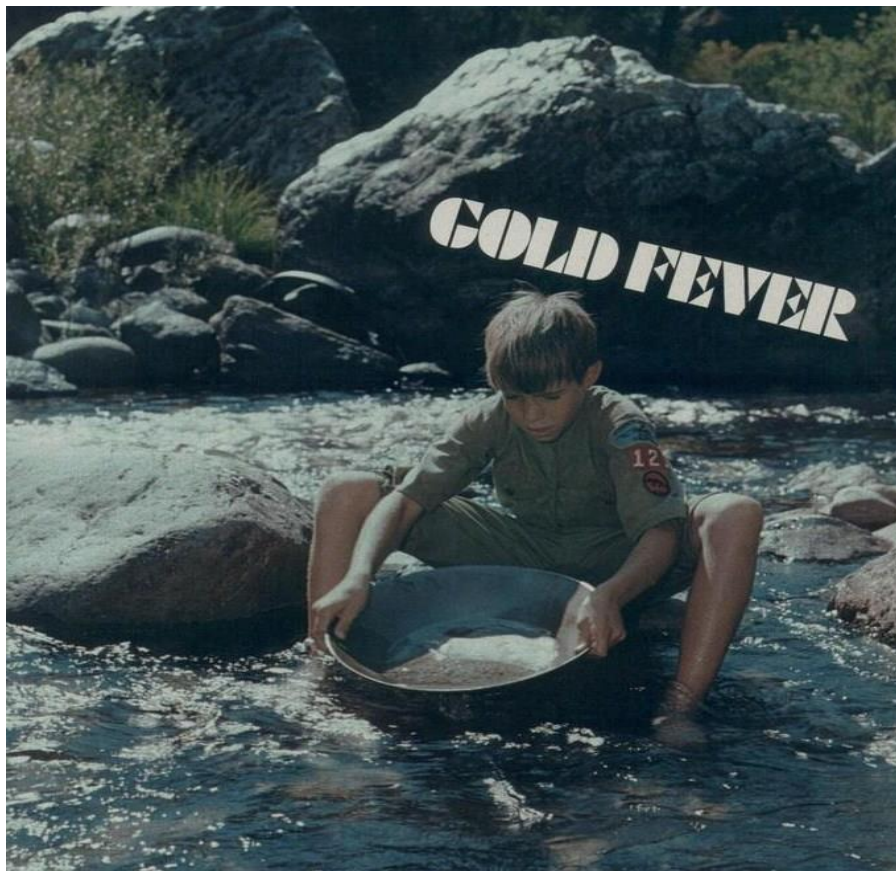


I support HB 2106 and the companion bill SB 644

An exclusion certificate from DOGAMI for ORS 517.753 that is now required for any amount of excavation including with a shovel on a placer mining claim for off stream mining needs to be changed. DEQ is refusing to issue any new WPCF 600 permit or even start the process of certifying a new permit in lieu of legislation that may or may not pass. Gold prospecting and casual use mining are not at the level of mining like what a NOI or PoO with BLM/FS would trigger, to be assigned a lead agency like DOGAMI.

Our permits are all messed up they are throwing the baby out with the bath water. SB 3 would have a prospecting license to look for gold on a granted mineral estate and all public lands from DOGAMI and make mining claims along a stream worthless, this is done in “Bad Faith”, it is not regulatory it just prohibits mining at the end of the moratorium, with no access to our minerals there is no way to develop or mine our claims, so hundreds of mining claims will not be worth keeping. SB838 and now SB3 are only meant to destroy our heritage and legacy of gold mining.



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