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The PLP Board of Directors is looking for 4 new members for the Board.(not difficult)

Several of our volunteer Board Members are retiring after a great many years of hard work. PLP is the only organization that is pursuing several law suites in support of Prospecting and Mining. We need to pass the word of what we are doing for you! We need to hear from you of what problems you are facing and how can we help? The only way this can happen is if we can get folks like you to become an active participant. Help us spread the word! PLP needs your help. Thanks, Barret H, Wetherby, Secretary PLP---

BLM to Lock Up 13M Acres

A leaked partial document produced by the Bureau of Land Management and obtained by Fox News suggests the Obama administration is considering a plan to lock up 13 million acres of land -- and the Department of Interior is refusing to answer questions. First, a little background: The federal government owns about ---*cont'd on page 2*

ICMJ Updates on each state's Suction Dredge permits.- (Oregon, Idaho & California)

Oregon. As expected, the State of Oregon has proposed a new general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit that is considerably more restrictive than the one that is currently in effect. *Cont'd on page 3*

Gold Miners Shafted by Democrats in the State Assembly

Late Entry - UPDATE GO TO plp1.org/pressreleasesupdates/permitrefundnews.html

Aanestad Refund Measure Hijacked With Hostile Amendment

SACRAMENTO: Legislation designed to provide full permit refunds to all Suction Dredge Miners in California has been hijacked in an Assembly policy committee. **SB 889** – authored by [Senator Sam Aanestad](#) (*R-Grass Valley*) – would have given miners the opportunity to apply for and receive a full refund of the \$47.00 *cont'd on page 2*

Missouri Director - Thanks Jerry for the opportunity to become more involved with the group! Since the value of gold has risen, the popularity of prospecting has also risen. And now, more than ever the prospectors here in Missouri need someone to help protect and advise them of their rights under the 1872 mining laws as well as protecting their right to access public lands. Missouri is growing in gold clubs from none 10 years ago to now 3 and possibly 4. I look forward to interacting with other state directors and keeping abreast on what's going on in our states. I hope everyone joins or at least gets involved with the objectives of PLP. We need each other to help support our rights.

Russ Pearce - Missouri Director PLP Russau@yahoo.com ---

Indiana Director - I have been out of town in prospecting in Ohio at the Swank Claim. I was asked by a fellow prospector about holding a raffle. The thing is that in Indiana you have to have a 501c, 501c3, or 501c7. This question is this can we use the PLP's nonprofit for the raffle items and give a donation of 20% or more to the PLP. If this is a possibility, just let me know. I have a few ideas for making money for the PLP. I have many connections for getting donations, and would send them to you or raffle them off and send the money in a bank check or ever how the PLP would prefer it. Thanks for all that the PLP has done. I am looking forward to being part of the PLP and getting involved on our end. Thanks for your support. If you need anything please feel free to let me know.

Regards, Ed Romine, 940 Twin Oaks Drive Henryville, IN 47126 (812)-736-1375) e.romine@insightbb.com

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PLP Board of Directors meetings

meets on the **2nd WEDNESDAY** of each month 7 PM @ Memorial Park, on 3rd and Orange in Azusa. You are invited to attend.
If you have questions call - Barry Wetherby @ 818-957-1455

"...all the navigable waters of [the] State, shall be common highways and forever free, as well as to the inhabitants of said State as to all other citizens of the United States..." **Section 2.. Act of Congress Admitting Oregon into the Union. Feb 14, 1859 -----**

Permit Refund

permit fee they paid last year for the right to ply the trade of suction dredge mining on California streams and rivers. But the measure – which Senator Aanestad introduced last year after the State Legislature took emergency action to ban the mining practice – was hijacked this morning in the [Assembly Committee on Water, Parks and Wildlife](#).

Committee Democrats rejected the notion of a full refund and instead hijacked the bill against Senator Aanestad's wishes. They amended **SB 889** to provide a refund of two-thirds of the original fee instead of the full amount.

"This committee is all over the map in suggesting what portion of the mining fee should be refunded – and it's really just arbitrary," said a frustrated Senator Aanestad during today's hearing. "The only real fair number here is 100% of the \$47.00 fee – and if you're going to hold your vote for some arbitrary number that you've pulled out of thin air – you're answerable to the people who elected you to office."

Although the measure did pass with the hostile amendment attached – Senator Aanestad says he is unsure if he will continue to pursue the matter until he speaks with all stakeholders involved – including the mining organizations who sponsored SB 889. He notes that a Los Angeles small claims court (*Wegner v. Koch et. al.*) has already ruled in favor of full refunds for California gold miners. In that case, the court found for the plaintiff and ordered the [California Department of Fish and Game](#) (DFG) to refund the miner's permit fee of \$47.00 and pay court costs of \$32.50. In addition to the cost of the judgment, the DFG and the California Attorney General's office incurred legal expenses associated with the claim.

"The courts have already ruled in favor of a full refund – and given the outcome of today's committee hearing – additional claims against the state are almost guaranteed," said Senator Aanestad. "That means additional costs to state taxpayers – possibly in the millions of dollars – because Democrats refuse to take the fair and right action."

Nearly 4,000 suction dredge mining permits were purchased last year according to the DFG – and more than 3,000 of the permits were purchased by California residents alone. The cost of a permit for California residents is \$47.00, and for out of state miners the permit fee is \$185.25. **In 2009, the Department collected about \$250,000 from miners who were subsequently denied the right to mine.** The ban on suction dredge mining took place in early August of last year, following the successful passage of [SB 670](#). It represented a \$60 million hit to the Northern California economy where suction dredge mining was the most popular and profitable for miners.

"My hope is that every miner who paid this fee calls their legislator today to explain to them what the definition of fairness is," said Senator Aanestad. "Some legislators clearly need a reminder."

13 million acres

one-third of the land in the United States -- most of it in western states. For example, 84 percent of Nevada is owned by Uncle Sam. But the government leases large parcels of federal land for all sorts of things -- grazing, mining, exploration, recreation. Those commercial activities create jobs and tax revenue for the states. Tax revenues from commercial activity on federal lands often pays for local schools. However, with the single stroke of his [pen](#), President Obama can use the Antiquities of Act of 1906 to turn federal land into National Monuments. That would effectively lock up the land. The plan may actually be more than 13 million acres. Republican members of the House have asked for the rest of the memo, but the Department of the Interior is refusing to hand it over. Rep. Doc Hastings, R-Wash., said he is worried. "When the administration is, for lack of a better word, stiffing us -- you know that causes concern," Republicans on the House Natural [Resources](#) Committee were unable to garner Democratic support for a resolution requiring the Department of Interior to produce some 2,000 documents it has on this matter. The DOI did cough up 300 e-mails that Republicans say do not reveal very much. "This is an on-going process," Kendra Barkoff wrote. "We may supplement this response as the process is concluded." There are those who believe these lands are precious -- and should be locked up from development. Western state governors are worried that the Obama

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administration is going to do this quickly and quietly -- without public hearings. They want the process to be more transparent. But for now, those documents are being tightly held by the Obama Department of Interior.

Update - ICMJ

Oregon would require that even operators using a simple hand sluice in a stream obtain and hold an annual permit. The proposed regulations would no longer allow dredges over 4 inches or dredges with motors greater than 16 HP to operate under a standard permit. A five-inch dredge or a dredge equipped with a motor greater than 16 HP would require a special commercial permit that would cost approximately \$11,000 per year. In reality, this is a functional prohibition of all dredges greater than 4 inches, as no small-scale prospector would go through the hassle or pay the exorbitant fee to obtain the larger permit.

The DEQ is also proposing to prohibit the use of winches to move large boulders, which would obviously create a safety hazard as miners try to excavate underneath them instead, and proposing that dredgers be required to “decontaminate” their dredge prior to putting it in the water.

The permit is being rushed through on a fast track schedule, which is limiting the opportunity for miners to comment and examine the supposed science upon which an NPDES permit is being proposed for tiny operations that are considered insignificant in other states. At a recent meeting in Portland, the Oregon DEQ took comments on the proposed permit, but was not prepared to present the actual science used to support the additional restrictions, nor were they prepared to answer any specific questions from prospectors in the audience.

Comments may be sent to: Beth Moore DEQ Water Quality 811 SW Sixth Ave Portland, OR 97204-1390

Comments may also be emailed to 700PM@deq.state.or.us or faxed to (503)229-6037.

Idaho. After considering the dredging situation in Idaho, the Idaho Department of Water Resources is not going to use the NPDES Dredge Permit for 2010 since it was causing too many problems, and there was no budget to enforce or manage it. A permit is still required for dredging, but it is being issued under Idaho State laws regarding stream channel alteration, and not the more restrictive federal NPDES limitations. The permit letter requires common sense precautions to prevent damage to fish spawning areas and is easily obtained from the state.

The cost of the permit will be \$10 for Idaho residents and \$30 for out-of-state operators. Dredges with nozzle sizes in excess of five inches (5”), or rated at greater than 15 HP, or any equipment capable of moving or processing more than two (2) cubic yards per hour are not covered under this permit. Unlike Oregon, Idaho is not establishing any special requirements for small-scale, non-powered hand sluicing operations. The Idaho permitting process requires that the dredge operator be familiar with potential fish impacts as well the spread of invasive and undesirable freshwater clam species. To minimize fish spawn impacts, the Idaho regulations also specify certain streams where small-scale mining is allowed or prohibited.

California. There’s not a whole lot of news to report. The dredging ban remains in place as appeals wind their way through state and federal courts. A bill to require the State of California to refund dredge permit fees for 2009 passed out of committee and is awaiting a vote by the full legislature.

El Niño warming is cause for decline in Salmon landings

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Bachelors Degrees in Biology & Chemistry, Doctorate in the Healing Arts, Director of Interactive Citizens United, Director of New Frontiers Institute, Inc. Prior participating member of FERC and FPAT (Fish passage advisory team report) and HET (Hatchery evaluation team)

Prior Vice President of Greenhorn Action

Grange, Prior California State Grange

Spokesman for the Water Committee, Prior

National Whip of the Property Rights

Congress of America, Representative of the

Grange States of California, Oregon,

Washington and Idaho regarding EFH

regulations.

Department of the Interior and KHSA

The basic premise of removing four dams on the Klamath River, of which three are

hydroelectric, is to “advance restoration of the salmonid fisheries of the Klamath Basin”.

NMFS Landing data for all species of Salmon

(Chinook, Coho, Pink, Sockeye, Chum, Steelhead)

| | Alaska | Washington | Oregon | California |
|------|---------|------------|--------|------------|
| 1950 | 120,166 | 20,308 | 5,391 | 3,206 |
| 1960 | 93,940 | 7,496 | 2,539 | 2,822 |
| 1970 | 157,155 | 17,055 | 8,818 | 2,999 |
| 1980 | 232,117 | 15,623 | 3,272 | 2,728 |
| 1990 | 298,123 | 5,621 | 2,380 | 2,312 |
| 2000 | 275,212 | 5,289 | 1,416 | 2,681 |
| 2005 | 395,681 | 7,995 | 2,113 | 2,251 |
| 2007 | 390,661 | 9,281 | 606 | 790 |

NOTE: It is of interest to realize that this catch data demonstrates that Salmon populations have moved North due to warming waters in the Pacific Ocean.

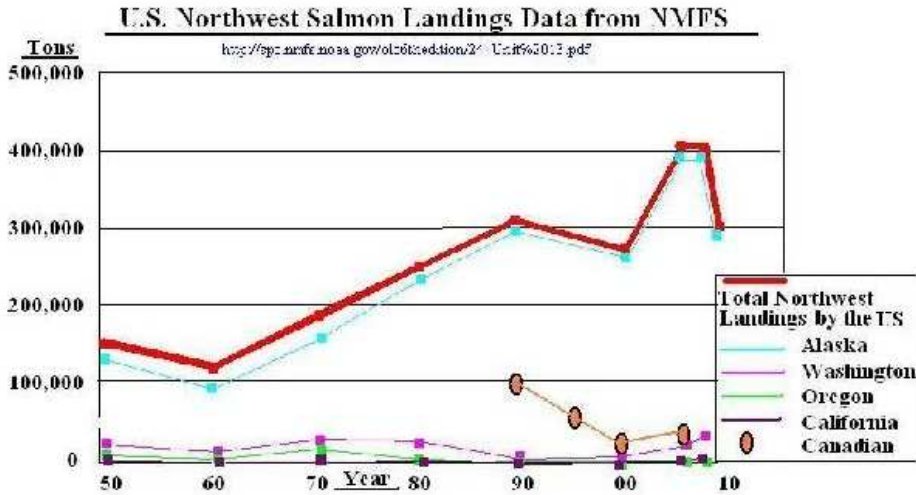
Data collected from NMFS landing data.

ref: 4310-MN-P page 1. "Restore and sustain natural fish production and provide for full participation in ocean and river harvest of fishspecies throughout the Klamath Basin". "Will advance the restoration of the salmonid fisheries of the Klamath Basin" ref; 4310-MN-P page 4. "The purpose of the proposed Federal action is to advance restoration of the salmonid fisheries in the Klamath Basi that is in the public interest, and is consistent with the KHSA and the KBRA". ref; 4310-MN-P page 5.

Present condition of the Pacific Salmon Industry

In 1950 the total catch of the five species of Salmon on the Pacific Coast was 149,000 metric tons of which 80% were caught in Alaska. In 2007 over 400,000 metric tons were caught and 97% were caught in Alaska. This is an increase of the Salmon Fisheries of over 250% and would lead one to believe that the Salmon Industry is in excellent condition. The following chart shows the catch from 1950 through 2007.

The following graph makes the point in a visual format:



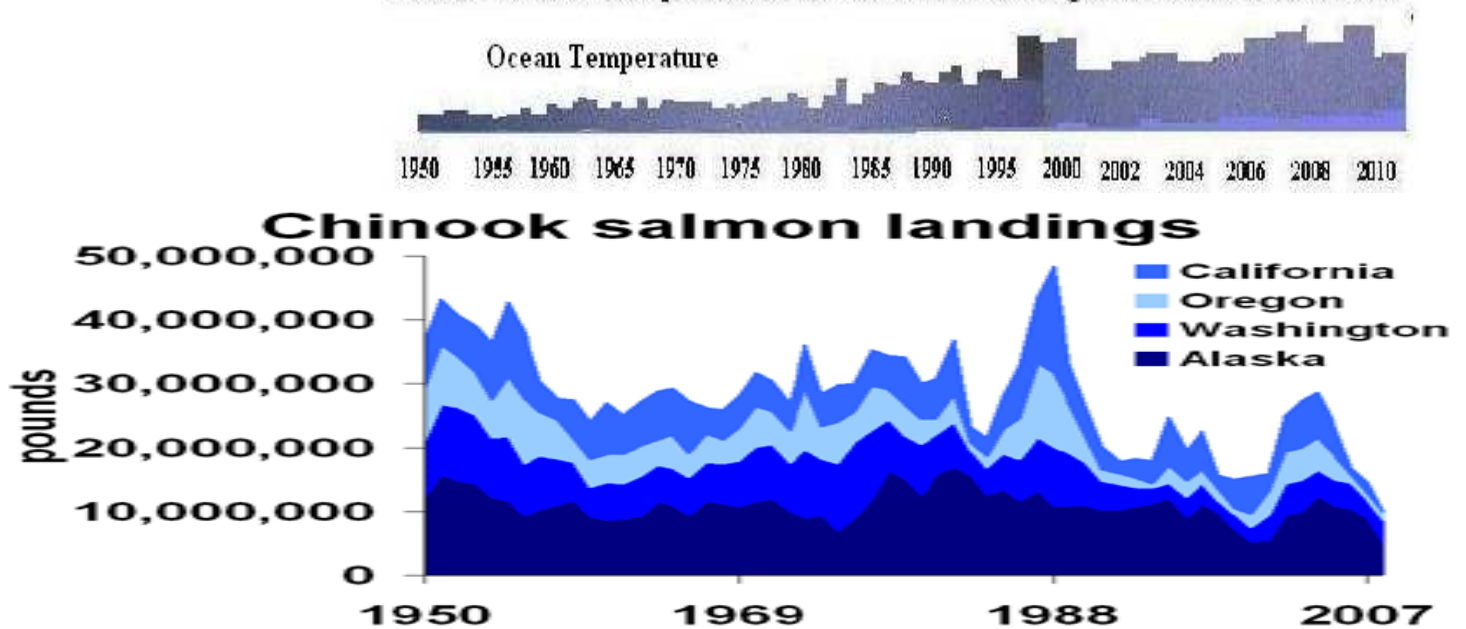
Based on the previous data it becomes clear that the Salmon Industry is in good shape and that Salmon landings in the States of Washington, Oregon and California only represent 3% of the total catch. That would tend to indicate that Commercial Fishing is only viable at this time is in Alaska.

Effect of Ocean Temperature on Salmon Fisheries in the Pacific Northwest

In 2001 I reported that with the advent of El Niño that the Pacific Ocean is experiencing a rise in temperature thereby

driving Salmon species North into cooler waters. The following graph is a direct representation of the relationship between Pacific Ocean Temperature and the effects of Chinook Salmon landings in the Pacific Northwest. The graph demonstrates a direct relationship between Ocean temperature and fish landings.

Pacific Ocean Temperature vs. Chinook landings in Pacific Northwest



NOTE: All Data represented within this paper was downloaded from National Marine Fisheries Service

CONCLUSIONS BASED ON SCIENTIFIC DATA

It is apparent that the rise in temperature of the Pacific Ocean has driven Salmon North and that dam removal in the States of Washington, Oregon and California will not restore Salmon Fisheries in these States. To continue to persue the KHSA and KBRA would result in devastation to property values, water rights, mining rights, water supply to the

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City of Yreka, marshes and swamps in a dry summer and inundating floods in a wet winter. Let alone the loss of the most renewable and clean energy production on the planet Hydroelectric Power. Any decision contradicting this data would be ludicrous and devastating.

Respectfully submitted;

Dr. Richard A. Gierak

This is an actual letter sent to a man named Ryan DeVries regarding a pond on his property. It was sent by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Quality, State of Pennsylvania

SUBJECT: DEQ File No.97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec 20; Lycoming County

Dear Mr. DeVries:

It has come to the attention of the Department of Environmental Quality that there has been recent unauthorized activity on the above referenced parcel of property. You have been certified as the legal landowner and/or contractor who did the following unauthorized activity: Construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond. A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity.. A review of the Department's files shows that no permits have been issued Therefore, the Department has determined that this activity is in violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Pennsylvania Compiled Laws, annotated.

The Department has been informed that one or both of the dams partially failed during a recent rain event, causing debris and flooding at downstream locations. We find that dams of this nature are inherently hazardous and cannot be permitted. The Department therefore orders you to cease and desist all activities at this location, and to restore the stream to a free-flow condition by removing all wood and brush forming the dams from the stream channel. All restoration work shall be completed no later than January 31, 2010. Please notify this office when the restoration has been completed so that a follow-up site inspection may be scheduled by our staff. Failure to comply with this request or any further unauthorized activity on the site may result in this case being referred for elevated enforcement action.. We anticipate and would appreciate your full cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me at this office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

David L. Price District Representative and Water Management Division.

Here is the actual response sent back by Mr. DeVries:

Re: DEQ File No.. 97-59-0023; T11N; R10W, Sec. 20; Lycoming County

Dear Mr..Price,

Your certified letter dated 11/17/09 has been handed to me. I am the legal landowner but not the Contractor at 2088 Dagget Lane , Trout Run, Pennsylvania . A couple of beavers are in the (State unauthorized) process of constructing and maintaining two wood 'debris' dams across the outlet stream of my Spring Pond. While I did not pay for, authorize, nor supervise their dam project, I think they would be highly offended that you call their skillful use of natures building materials 'debris.' I would like to challenge your department to attempt to emulate their dam project any time and/or any place you choose. I believe I can safely state there is no way you could ever match their dam skills, their dam resourcefulness, their dam ingenuity, their dam persistence, their dam determination and/or their dam work ethic. These are the beavers/contractors you are seeking. As to your request, I do not think the beavers are aware that they must first fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity. My first dam question to you is: (1) Are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers, or (2) do you require all beavers throughout this State to conform to said dam request? If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, through the Freedom of Information Act, I request completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits that have been issued. (Perhaps we will see if there really is a dam violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act, Act 451 of the Public Acts of 1994, being sections 324.30101 to 324.30113 of the Pennsylvania Compiled Laws, annotated.) I have several dam concerns.. My first dam concern is, aren't the beavers entitled to legal representation? The Spring Pond Beavers are financially destitute and are unable to pay for said representation -- so the State will have to provide them with a dam lawyer. The Department's dam concern that either one or both of the dams failed during a recent rain event, causing flooding, is proof that this is a natural occurrence, which the Department is required to protect. In other words, we should leave the Spring Pond Beavers alone rather than harassing them and calling them dam names. If you want the damed

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stream 'restored' to a dam free-flow condition please contact the beavers -- but if you are going to arrest them, they obviously did not pay any attention to your dam letter, they being unable to read English. In my humble opinion, the Spring Pond Beavers have a right to build their unauthorized dams as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and water flows downstream. They have more dam rights than I do to live and enjoy Spring Pond. If the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection lives up to its name, it should protect the natural resources (Beavers) and the environment (Beavers' Dams). So, as far as the beavers and I are concerned, this dam case can be referred for more elevated enforcement action right now. Why wait until 1/31/2010? The Spring Pond Beavers may be under the dam ice by then and there will be no way for you or your dam staff to contact/harass them. In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention to a real environmental quality, health, problem in the area It is the bears! Bears are actually defecating in our woods. I definitely believe you should be persecuting the defecating bears and leave the beavers alone. If you are going to investigate the beaver dam, watch your dam step! The bears are not careful where they dump! Being unable to comply with your dam request, and being unable to contact you on your dam answering machine, I am sending this response to your dam office.

THANK YOU,

RYAN DEVRIES & THE DAM BEAVERS ---

Raffle Tickets are \$1.00 each or a book of 12 for \$10.00

PLP Legal Fund Raffle - Winter December 16, 2010 Raffle Prizes - \$7475 total in Prizes

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| 1. Keene 3" Power Sluice, dredge Combo Keene Engineering | \$3000.00 |
| 2. White GMT Metal Detector Whites of California | \$ 800.00 |
| 3. Tesoro Lobo Metal Detector Tesoro Detectors & Jobe Mining Supply | \$ 800.00 |
| 4. ¼ Karat Diamond & Gold Necklace Anonymous Donor | \$ 700.00 |
| 5. 3 Day Gold Trip in Oregon Dave Rattan | \$ 500.00 |
| 6. Deluxe Blue Bowl Kit Donated Pioneer Mining | \$ 250.00 |
| 7. 1 Year Membership, Golden Caribou Mining Barry & Gordon Burton | \$ 250.00 |
| 8. 1 year Membership, Golden Caribou Mining Gordon & Barry Burton | \$ 250.00 |
| 9. Columbian Amber and Lightbox Guy Nesbitt | \$ 250.00 |
| 10. Falcon Pin Pointer Detector Armadillo Mining Shop | \$ 225.00 |
| 11. Pair of Gold Nuggett earrings Scott Warner/ Golden Dreams, | \$ 100.00 |
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| 13. Amethyst cathedral - Scott Warner/Golden Dreams | \$100.00 |
| 14. A 51 (a) Sluice box Keene Engineering | \$100.00 |
| 15. 2 OZ. Silver rounds George Corsis/Gold/Silver Enterprizes | \$50.00 |

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PLP Legal Fund-----Spring June 17, 2010 Raffle-----WINNERS---

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|---|-----------------|
| 1 160 ac AZ Mining Claim-PLP | Mike Funderok |
| 2 4" Keene Dredge #4405- | Nick Garza |
| 3 1 oz Placer Gold-Roger Plata | Dusty Wilson |
| 4 Whites GMZ Metal Detector-Jimmy Sierra, CA | Greg Leondes |
| 5 Custom Gold Pendant-Natural Gold Jewery | Gilbert Dunn |
| 6 Deluxe Blye Bowl Kit-Pioneer Mining Supplies | John Owczargh |
| 7 1 Yr. Membership Golden Caribou Mining Assn-Gordon Burton | Harold McCraven |
| 8 Gold Nugget Pendant-Scott Warner | Jim Genz |
| 9 4.4 grs Alaska Placer-Ed Romine | Bill Bench |
| 10 Badger Pick-Apex Picks | David Michel |
| 11 Crystalline Gold Tie Tac-Scott Warner | Bob Chase |
| 12 HystWare Mines & Minerals V1.0-Gary Hiestard(HyatWare) | Russ Riddle |
| 13 Sluice Box, Model #28-CalSluice | Jr Fournoy |

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Why Join The PLP?

Where do you think you would be today had there been no one out there fighting for your rights? If you and I don't care enough to make the case for our rights, who will? Public Lands for the People has been working tirelessly for 19 years with land managers, politicians and other user groups to ensure that you get to use public lands where and when you want. We have had many successes and you have benefited. We can promise you the other side is always making the case that mining and prospecting is noisy, polluting, and the source of conflicts. They want us in smaller and smaller areas with fewer opportunities to access the public lands and backcountry. Ultimately, they want us off public lands altogether. This is your fight whether you like it or not. Doesn't it make sense to join and support others who are taking their time and money to protect your rights and opportunities? There is plenty you can do with \$35.00 other than join another organization. You could buy a couple gallons of gas, a drink, and a bag of popcorn at a movie or simply save it for that proverbial rainy day that Mom said would eventually come. However, if you value the preservation of your rights of the public to access, use, and enjoy our public lands, and you want to protect that right for yourself, family, friends, and future generations, you want to reconsider where that \$35.00 would be best put to use. You could do all of those things or none of them; it is your choice because it is your 35 bucks. Doesn't it make sense to equip those who are fighting for you with the resources needed for them to have a chance at success? Doesn't it make sense for you to invest \$35 in the Public Lands for the People?

Yes, it really does !!



WHO IS PLP?

PLP was constructed for the purpose of representing all outdoor user groups and individuals that are interested in keeping public and private lands open to prospecting, mining, and outdoor recreation on a non-discriminatory basis! PLP assists groups to join forces to maintain the laws and rights of all citizens on public and private lands (Federal, State and City). PLP will assist with representation at public hearings of government agencies that are proposing limitations and restrictions on the lands that belong to the people.

PLP DOES LITIGATE! We will file injunctions, when necessary, to prevent governmental agencies from discussing public issues behind closed doors and calling them "personnel meetings".

We will come to the aid of, and give individual attention to, persons or groups who are being harassed, intimidated or misled by people in authority (in or out of uniform) who are attempting to enforce their own ideas or opinions of laws, rules or regulations, rather than the actual laws, rules or regulations, and what it actually means.

Remember....

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means....

Our **right** to Use Public Lands,
Not to Abuse Public Lands.

What does PLP do for you?

1. PLP is pursuing a lawsuit charging California for illegally passing a bill (SB670) into law prohibiting suction dredge mining.
 2. PLP filed a lawsuit against Eldorado National Forest for their illegal closures of over 2200 miles of roads in their Travel Management Plan (TMP). PLP is also making comments in several other forests on their TMP.
 3. PLP is in court fighting the California Department of Fish and Game who has violated a Court order by failing to do an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on suction dredging in California.
 4. PLP assists on many individual issues that concern small-scale miners.
 5. PLP assists miners in other states, and those-state representatives.
 6. PLP makes formal comments on the Federal Register (FR) for the US Forest Service (USFS) road closures, trying to cite miners criminally, & rule making changes.
 7. PLP assists miner filing "takings" case against BLM for taking house & claims. BLM donated away leaving miner as legal owner/claimant & taxpayer w/o due process or compensation. Miner prevailed
 8. PLP and the miners prevailed in Siskiyou Regional Education Project (SREP) vs. U.S. Forest Service when the USFS attempted to force dredgers into a Plan of Operation.
 9. PLP was a party to 2 lawsuits in the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD), vs. USFS and CBD vs. the BLM. PLP and the miners prevailed
 10. PLP and Dee Stapp prevailed in a lawsuit against the BLM on separating bond issues of occupancy and casual use mining operations.
 11. PLP participated in the Washington, Oregon, and California Water Resources Board study on turbidity and mercury as a method to stop suction dredging and similar issues there.
 12. PLP assisted with Washington State Resources Coalition and others in the rule making process on suction dredging.
 13. Made legal & scientific comments & was instrumental in defeat of CA Bill AB 1032.
- PLP strives to be involved with issues that affect the small-scale mining community. We would not be able to continue these battles without the past support of its membership.

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Circle several

Clean up Projects...Write a letter to Officials & Govt. Agencies... Serve as a Board member ...Point of Contact for your club

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Attend USFS, BLM and DFG Meetings & Hearings.... Research Activities....Legal research or composition

Signature _____ Date _____

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OPERATION SUPER CANYON SWEEP - A PROJECT FROM CTUC INC.

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GLENDALE, CA. 91214

On June 9th we held our annual clean up of the San Gabriel Canyon. We had 160 volunteers present along with 50 plus men from County Fire Camp 19.

We were again able to fill a forty cubic yard dumpster with all sorts of trash.

The Off Roaders were able to clean up about ten acres and remark the crossings in their area and it will be open to the public in the very near future.

We transported the volunteers by bus out to a number of areas and they were able to clean 15 miles of streambed.

The folks from the FRFVC cleaned the West Fork and attacked many walls to remove the graffiti that had been painted on by some gang members.

Our horseback team was able to collect trash from along the stream and after lunch they treated the kids to rides. The senior member of this troop was Bert Bonnett who is still riding at 100.

This project has been performing this clean up for over 35 years and we always hope that this year will be the last year that we are need, but sadly so far that hasn't been the case. So when you hear from us about next year, please plan on joining us. Everyone gets a great t-shirt and we feed you and close out the day with a fantastic raffle.

See you all next year. Barry Wetherby-Coordinator

Come join PLP in the fight for your rights. We have to win them all. They only have to win one.

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