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FOR 31YEARS: PLP exists to "Represent and assist outdoor user groups and individuals interested in keeping public and private lands open to prospecting, mining and outdoor recreation through education, scientific data and legal means."

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## **Oregon Suction Dredge Regulatory Relief?**

Hello Friends!

PLP's hard work to bring regulatory relief in California is bearing fruit. Public Lands for the People (PLP) has been approached by Walt Evens of the Oregon based Douglas County Prospectors Association (ODCPA) to entertain the idea of replicating the success of the PLP California Suction Dredge Guide for Reclamation Purposes for application in Oregon. This led to a working group between ODCPA, Karen Darnell of Oregon based Stream Savers and PLP. This working group will evaluate the Oregon laws in relation to suction dredge reclamation in the same manner PLP researchers evaluated California's laws. The attention may focus on the Oregon State Dept. of Environmental Quality (DEQ) rules and legislative intent with an end goal of providing a legally defensible path of regulatory relief for the dredge miner similar to how PLP did this in California.

If this working group is to be successful more dredge miners from Oregon must support / join their local mining organizations and PLP to fund the effort. PLP's member base in Oregon is

presently only 10% compared to California members and this really needs to improve by at least 150 more members from Oregon to help cover the legal expenses.

BREAKING NEWS: PLP has sponsored a scientific study like no other. This study is pointing out the green benefits of suction dredging and that it could be the best tool to combat the effects of atmospheric mercury transport from China. The published study will be out very soon! This costs a lot to produce, and we need your help in paying off the balance to make this asset available for use in proving why dredging is beneficial to the environment. We are asking members to go above and beyond, donate a little extra to help make this a reality.

Join or renew today to know how to effectively and professionally counter the agencies while making Prospecting, Mining and Reclamation Great Again! <u>Join/Donate | Public Lands For The People</u>

If you like the work PLP does please help PLP help you on the path towards legally resuming suction dredge mining and reclamation not just in California but in the State of Oregon as well! Other states will benefit from the dredge study as well. As we get time and volunteers such as in Oregon, we can expand the reclamation dredging to other states.

Supporting PLP's Grand Raffle also helps us continue to fight for your rights.

A book of 12 tickets is only \$10. We have a lot of great high value prizes. You can't win if you don't enter! Tickets are available NOW to purchase by phone for the 2022 Grand Raffle Drawing. They make great Christmas presents! You can call our toll-free number (844)-PLP-1990 which is (844) 757-1990 or Mail a Check by July 1st (to the address below) and specify the number of ticket books you wish to have mailed to you.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed Happy New Year! Your PLP Board of Directors

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