

PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE PEOPLE

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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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Happy New Year!

The New 2023 PLP Guide Cards Are Now Available!

Hello Friends,

The Public Lands for the People (PLP) new 2023 guide cards are hot off the press! These new cards are an upgrade to the last undated versions of the (green) Forest Service Access cards and the (gold) CA Suction Dredge Guide for Reclamation Purposes cards. A new refinement has been made on the dredge card regarding the type of land open to its application. The Forest Service Access cards have been expanded from solving road access issues to solving camping limitation issues and closures due to issues such as forest fires. As many of you know, despite how horribly devastating a forest fire can be, it at the same time can open up great prospecting opportunities for metal detectorists and hard rock prospectors. We do not wish to encourage people to interfere with emergency vehicles and active firefighting, but as commonly occurs, the forest closure order when excessively long (after the first good rain and all hot spots are out), often interferes with your property rights as a claim holder, or your rights to prospect land open to mineral entry under the Mining Law. Both the gold and green 2023 PLP cards are an improvement upon the older versions, placing the cardholder in an excellent legal position to challenge the agencies in a professional manner.

We wish to take a moment to thank our membership for the responsible use of the (gold) CA Suction Dredge Guide for Reclamation Purposes for the 2nd successful season; and the active teaching of

others inside and outside the government to the reclamation benefits of the suction dredge. As we anticipated in May of 2021, we said this about the contents of our guide card: "...this is information the CA Water Board and the CA Fish & Wildlife may not want you to know". We hear there still exists a political bias against dredge miners repurposing their gold dredges for reclamation purposes. If the Water Board believes that there cannot be a single legal suction dredge miner operating in CA, then why aren't the hundreds of PLP members using their cards being cited into court? It is not a surprise that agency statements often do not correspond to reality. And just because an agency does not issue a written permit does not make that action illegal - as exemptions to permits are commonplace in federal and state laws.

On another note, one of the recommendations we have continually made on the gold card was: "Never associate with self-admitted dischargers or individuals advocating the Army Corp. section 404 permit system that are inapplicable to this guide". The reason was to protect the user, and also to remind folks that it was a misuse of the card. It is double-speak when one admits to being a "discharger" then claims they did not add a pollutant to the waterway. As we warned in the August 2021 PLP newsletter, both the Army Corps. and the EPA both define the word "discharge" as the addition of material to the waterway. Don't make that mistake as some have done, as it could get you sued by environmentalists or government agencies enforcing the clean water laws!

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

A book of 12 tickets is still only \$10. We have a lot of great high value prizes, and a list of those prizes is in the latest ICMJ Prospecting & Mining Journal. You can't win if you don't enter! Tickets are available NOW to purchase by phone for the July 15th, 2023, Grand Raffle Drawing. You can call our toll-free number (844)-PLP-1990 which is (844) 757-1990 by July 11th deadline or Mail a Check by the July 1st deadline (to the address below) and specify the number of ticket books you wish to have mailed to you.

If you like this information, USE IT WISELY

Your PLP Board of Director

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The PLP Annual Raffle is BACK!!
ORDER YOUR RAFFLE TICKETS TODAY, SUPPORT PLP, AND BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN ONE (OR MORE) OF THE PRIZES BELOW. MORE PRIZES WILL BE ADDED.

NEW RAFFLE!! **2023 FUNDRAISING RAFFLE**
 Drawing to be held **July 15, 2023!**

LIST OF PRIZES & DONORS

VALUE

-33 ONE OUNCE Silver Rounds (one for each year of PLP Fighting for your rights) Donated by PLP	\$726
-20 Acre Mother Lode Placer Claim – Ron Kliewer	\$5,000
-1 Week Skookum Camp Alaska Gold Mining Trip- Blake Harmon www.skookumgoldcamp.com	\$2,500
-Gold Quartz specimens donated by meetingofthemines7@gmail.com	
-Gold Cube 4 stack www.goldcube.net	\$480
-Mad Mining Drywasher www.madmining.com Donated by Mad Mining	\$895
-New 49ers Lifetime Membership – Donated by PLP Member Value	\$2,500
-Lost Dutchman’s Mining Assoc. Lifetime Membership Donated by PLP Member	\$3,500
-2 Year ICMJ Subscription Donated by the Mining Journal www.icmj.com	\$84.90
-Reinke Mining Adventures 1 Year Membership www.reinkegoldmining.com ...	\$160
-Gold Nugget donated by Miner’s Keepers www.minerskeepers.com	\$450
-PLP Lifetime Membership www.publiclandsforthepeople.org	\$1000
-3 or 4 Day Stay at Roaring Camp www.roaringcampgold.com	\$450

Winners are responsible for taxes due on prizes.

HURRY! Don't miss out on our **2023 RAFFLE**, which includes several great prizes -- mining equipment, metal detectors, precious metals, a mining claim & MORE!

TWO WAYS TO ORDER:

1. Phone: (844) 757-1990 Toll Free or (844) PLP-1990
 Leave a message and we will call you back.
 Last day to order by phone is **July 11, 2023.**
2. Buy Tickets in Person at the ICMJ's Customer Appreciation BBQ on July 15 (139 Joerschke Dr, Grass Valley, CA)

Just \$10 for a Book of 12 Tickets!
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