American Mining Rights Association
July 29 ·

Idaho USFS and dredging update for Wednesday:

I'm currently up in Grangeville, about an hour from our claims. I had a few phone calls and one personal visit to make in preparation for Mr. Hughes's arrival tomorrow to pass out his illegal notices of non-compliance. Suction dredging does not need a plan of operations, it is up to the MINER to determine if he/she is going to cause a "significant d... See More

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Matt Broquard Is there a season to how long you can mine on Amara claims in Idaho?
July 29 at 4:57pm

American Mining Rights Association Some of the claims have seasons for dredging, but you can mine them year round.
July 30 at 10:01am

Casey Allen Just a random thought but isn't a claim considered private property? Wouldn't they need a warrent to even step foot onto a claim?
1 · July 29 at 4:52pm

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2 · July 30 at 10:00am

David Timo That is sweet! The wife and I were just out to Grangeville last summer Gods country for sure! A local miner hit a nice paystreak just north of Golden I believe and the nice thing about it was the local sheriff stood behind the miners when the EPA wanted to get their noses involved! Gotta get myself at least a 2in. dredge here soon and make the trip out there again!
1 · July 30 at 2:01pm

Mark Davis Go big or go home. Great job. Getting geared up to go here at home in the heart of Dixie
2 · July 29 at 5:05pm

Ron Decker Great job! Give them hell Shannon!
4 · July 29 at 5:47pm

Ron Holt https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CICMR58LV8

I dont think I'll let you arrest us today.wmv

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4 · July 30 at 6:23am

Jon Davis Dang, i wish i was there too!
2 · July 29 at 4:51pm

Jeff Mcauliff you and the team are awesome !! so glad to be a member of Amra !
2 · July 29 at 5:12pm

Dan Zoller yeehaaaww! nice work guys!
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Griffin Hale How do I join the association?
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Deanna Bratton Pollan That's so great...get er done!
July 29 at 4:57pm

Debra N Greg Will be headed that way on the 12th. When are y'all leaving?
July 29 at 5:44pm

Yosemite Mac You go Shannon. Sounds like you're having a lot of fun! Keep up the good work.
July 29 at 6:39pm

John Witherall Hughes has not a clue who he is about to go up against but I do so give them hell bro
July 30 at 1:50pm

Brandon Clark Hughes should assess the disturbance of his water rafting adventures!!! Fucking kook!
July 29 at 8:13pm

Christopher Heye Dang bro...good job
July 29 at 5:45pm

Dave Dave I love the smell of gold
July 30 at 8:43am

American Mining Rights Association Oh, and one more thing for AMRA members and potential members.....we had a local miner in Elk City donate another exceptional mining claim on the SF Clearwater to AMRA this morning!
50 · July 29 at 4:45pm

Tumbling Dice This is awesome! Another new claim on the South Fork of the Clearwater River! Can't wait to hear more!
2 · July 30 at 7:06pm

Steve Frantz give him hell & kick his ASS. frankly speaking/////
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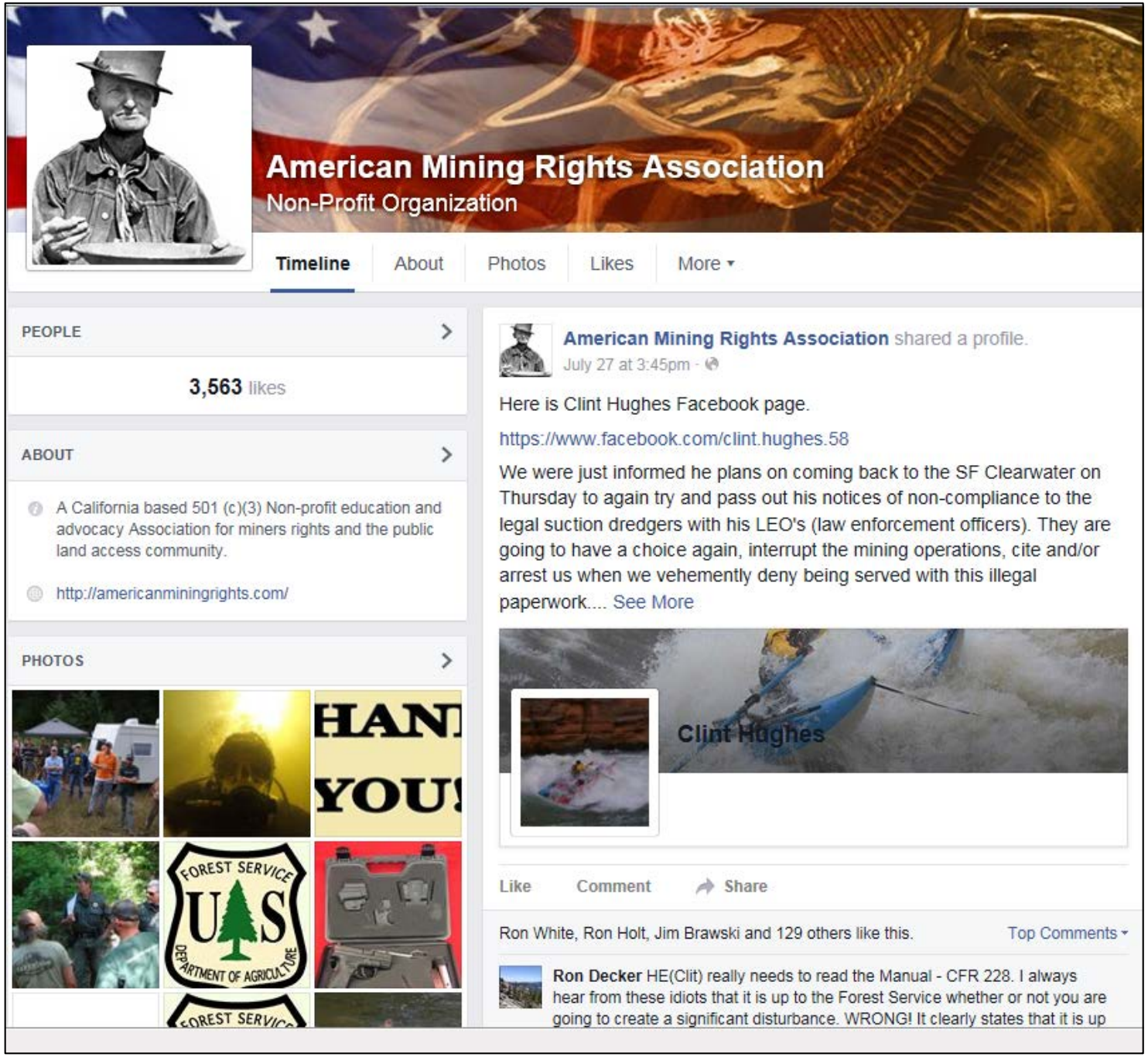
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Do what you need to do Mr. Hughes, but know and understand this, you will not hand me any of your paperwork, we do not require a PoO, you do not have the authority to demand it and again, you are violating all of our constitutional rights. You might want to research the laws because these are the very same laws you are in violation of and to which the Sheriff's department takes an oath to uphold.
We would like everyone to scour the internet and see what you can find on Mr. Hughes (yes Clint, there will be hundreds searching everything you have ever posted).
We've already found many articles and posts where Mr. Hughes openly talks about stopping mining by using various regulations, opinions and radical theories. These have all been saved for prosperity and for the coming litigation against him.
We have a little surprise for Mr. Hughes Thursday. We'd like to tell you all about it, but then it would spoil that surprise for him.....we'll just show you the video after Thursday.
I'll be waiting Clint.....Mile Post 39.
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3 · July 27 at 7:37pm

American Mining Rights Association You are going to love this video brother. You are truly not going to believe this guy and the things he says.
16 hrs

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Jeff Miller OMG Clint does not sound like the sharpest tool in the shed. Lol
3 · July 27 at 3:54pm

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American Mining Rights Association I'll ask him if he wakes up stupid or if it takes a few hours for you Chelsea.
16 hrs

Glynn Barnes My As Well Resign Now Clint Hughes! You Messed With True Americans Who are Not Sheep that Your Used To Harassing!
6 · July 27 at 5:32pm

Kenny James Ok every one now that you are WOUND UP! LETS TAKE THIS,all in all aboard FIGHT (when Shannon is done with this fool) to the Sierra fund (or is it still a club they have)!!! KICK SOME ASSS Shannon and Thank You for your fighting for all of our rights! hope you find BIG NUGGETS in your PAN.
1 · Yesterday at 3:22am · Edited

Ron Decker Now it's just a personal attack on miners. If he wants it to get personal, then by golly lets make it personal. I wish I could be there to stand with you guys against stupid people like this. Really burns me and I am just not in the mood to put up with stupidity.
5 · July 27 at 5:28pm

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Vincent Landolina Ahhh clint likes to white water raft, awesome!!! he enjoys the outdoors as much as we do but you know clint, you should really have to fill out a POO since you are using the waterways and causing some disturbance slapping all the waves with your ores, ... See More
11 · July 27 at 5:01pm

2 Replies

Rowly Bettencourt Americans that have had enough and are willing the stand up for THIER rights, AMRA! Clint, I am in CA and you are not going to take Dalton's (my 3 day old son) right to mine public lands away from him. American's always overcome tyranny, read your history mr Hughes!
7 · July 27 at 7:08pm

1 Reply

Steve Durham According to the bureaucratic logic I've dealt with in the past, that paddling is creating a most extreme kind of significant disturbance due to the "Butterfly Effect". Hell, Clint, your rafting is probably the sole cause of this upcoming El Nino. We b... See More
9 · July 27 at 5:30pm

Todd Jones Here is a law that you guys might want to keep in mind. TITLE 18, U.S.C., SECTION 241

If two or more persons conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any person in any State, Territory, Commonwealth, Possession, or District in the free e... See More
1 · July 27 at 9:44pm

Victor Janda I would look to see if he is a member of the Audubon society, illegal for him to be
3 · July 27 at 3:57pm

David Dixon Burn him, and his bank accounts send him to the poor house with a huge civil lawsuit, maybe even get him on a claim jump charge.
3 · July 27 at 4:11pm

JR Mining Clint Hughes is on the side of the EPA and works directly with them. Here is an article about his pure stupidity. https://www.hcn.org/.../the-forest-service-fights-placer...

The Forest Service battles placer mining with an obscure law

A little-known 1955 law gives the Forest Service a way...

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Steve Durham This is getting good. I have to wonder, with all of the rafter trash we haul out of the rivers, how much of that trash has been contributed by Clint and friends?
8 · July 27 at 4:18pm · Edited

3 Replies

Gary Watts Sounds like Mr Hughes has a HUGE conflict of interest going on here.....can't wait to see where he lands after this implodes on him.....keep fighting the good fight AMRA.....
5 · July 27 at 3:48pm

Ray Schulze Gonna be like Tyson vs. PeeWeeHerman. Put your tail between your legs Clint , and walk on home boy.
2 · July 27 at 3:59pm

Sam Baker Somebody should tell this story to Rush Limbaugh. I bet he would mention it on his show.
2 · July 27 at 7:54pm

Jim Burrage Ever take a stick to a hornets nest Clint Hughes??
1 · Yesterday at 11:26am

Britt Ketchum Sounds like you're having fun Shannon keep up the good job and fight the fight
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Chuck Dunn Chuck Dunn KEEP INMIND CLINT DOES HAVE A MASTERS DEGREE IN IGNORANCE.
3 · July 27 at 7:00pm

John George Nice work guys, make sure to share it clear up the chain of command.
July 27 at 5:04pm

Mike Cali Moore He fell on his head to many times from the sound of it all poor lil feller got no real friends
July 27 at 3:56pm

William Lundeen One of his friends is an oil driller. Oh the horror!
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Mark Davis Stand fast.
July 27 at 7:31pm

Charles Wirshels do videos also and post his mug shot
July 27 at 9:24pm

Charles Wirshels does he also have a PHD you know piled higher and deeper
July 27 at 9:23pm

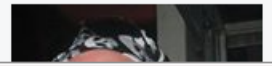
Marland Jones Clint Hughes you have no idea what you are doing or fighting for. Stop harassing the modern day prospector. Do something productive with your degree in other words get a life.
1 · July 27 at 8:42pm

Chuck Dunn MY MESSAGE TO CLINT..SENT A FEW MINUTES AGO. "" I AM A MINER..I WAS A RIVER GUIDE 35 YEARS..AS BOTH I WAS ALWAYS A GOOD STEWARD OF THE OUT DOORS.. NEITHER GROUP AS A WHOLE IS A DETERMINANT TO NATURE. I SUGGEST YOU CONSULT WITH THOMAS MOSS AS TO YOUR LEGAL OPINION. ""

1 · 21 hrs

Eldeana VanKirk Stand strong! Keep up the good fight! I am researching..... 🙂
Yesterday at 5:10am

Gary Watts Here is our boy right here.....



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Here's an analogy for you in comparison: Say Sheriff Binnewies of Mariposa County CA came to Idaho and decided to pull someone over who didn't come to a complete stop at a stop sign. He cannot do that because his authority only extends to his county boundaries. This is the same with the USFS, they can only "manage" what they have the authority to manage, nothing more. We tried to explain this to Clint the other day, but that political ideology always seems to get in the way.

We know Clint monitors our Facebook page, so here's another message for you Clint, I am still at MP 39, just below my blue and white Toyota FJ Cruiser dredging.....lawfully, on my lawfully owned Federal Mining Claim. You said you were coming back with the EPA, but we haven't seen hide nor hair of you. We wanted you to know what this picture is, it is of a meeting we held (and brought pizza to, you missed it Clint) with every miner on the SF Clearwater, and even a few folks from Elk City where we discussed the coming litigation against you. Yes, against you Clint, that is why I provided you the constructive notice the other day that "your ignorance of the law is no excuse for you to violate the rights of all the miners on the river and therefore, because you are violating our fundamental rights, you will be held civilly liable". These miners are angry, determined and have the law behind them. They are demanding a civil lawsuit be brought against you individually.

We are requesting your Plan of Operations (PoO) Clint, because the size of the hole you've dug would certainly meet your criteria for significant disturbance. One last thing, thanks for liking our AMRA page.....

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Ron Decker 100 percent with you. Keep up the great work. Stand your ground and get your gold from your mineral estate that is held in trust for you.
1 · July 26 at 8:21pm

Brad Moffatt Oh, and things have been tight, but I WILL be joining next month to help support your efforts. Keep up the fantastic work!
1 · July 26 at 9:07pm

John Beisner Ignorance is no excuse from Jack Booted Thugs like Clint. ..it's time we take them to the Bank like like they've been doin before We Stood Together and formed Righteous American Groups and Organizations like AMRA
7 · July 26 at 2:50pm

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David Dixon So you're saying he has not only screwed the pooch, he screwed himself 😐
Sue him for every penny he and his family has, destroy his children's hope for collage, make lose his home and live in a car, show him no mercy, Make him and his family examples, maybe the other Rangers will get the message.
7 · July 26 at 3:01pm

Chris Miller Might want to take a good long look at formal charges for conspiracy.....he and the others involved in the decision making process did conspire to come up with such a plan.
6 · July 26 at 3:13pm · Edited

Sharon's Place I'm not a miner - wish,, but I do know r.e. land rights,, and yes,, if you don't own it your trespassing / invading that area. All the best to you folks - on both sides, hope you all come to a healthy agreement.
July 27 at 9:32am

William McNall "A public official must know the law under which he operates, ignorance of the law is no excuse and can not be set up as a defense" Miller v Smith, 7 Idaho 204; 61 Pac 824
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Chris Watson Turn the tables on them and give them a taste of their own medicine! "When the enemy is relaxed, make them toil. When full, starve them. When settled, make them move."
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Curley Frazier As I stated previously, The supreme court affirmed the right of the individual to use lethal force in defense of one's constitutional rights, ie: Freedom from false arrest, persecution, harassment, etc.
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Ray Schulze Sue the crap out of these commies. How many vlaims will a million dollars get?lol!
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Jerry Barker Right on guy's and gals, stick with it all the way, make an example of this IDIOT. Maybe it will make the rest of them think twice about their authority.
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Christa Kelling Bouchie Me too lol
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6 · July 25 at 10:34am

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Ken Miller Not too much of a surprise is it?
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Tumbling Dice This article, published online by the Billings, MT Gazette in 2013, describes in detail (including numerous quotes from Mr. Hughes) how USFS, under the guidance of Mr. Hughes and several environmental groups to prohibit placer mining on the North Fork of the Clearwater River
- http://billingsgazette.com/.../article_80893a2c-97d4-5777...

Forest Service challenges North Fork Clearwater mining claims
The U.S. Forest Service will challenge dozens...
BILLINGSGAZETTE.COM | BY BY ERIC BARKE...

July 26 at 10:53pm

Tumbling Dice The additional article shown above by Ken Miller describes the same issue as what I have pasted in from the Billings Gazette.
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Tumbling Dice Correction... the one posted by B.S. Miner, not Ken Miller - sorry Ken.
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Dave Busselle Will be in Dixie, south of Elk City for an early elk hunt in September. Hope to do a little prospecting on friends claim near Dixie between hunting and sleeping.
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Ty Martin Going to head up the south fork today hope to see you in the water!
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Dennis Clement What ever happened to the California wild life or Game Warden that went to Idaho and Killed a Mountain Lion then tried to Illegally bring it to Calif.
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AU Dan Thank you trying to keep America FREE from self serving environmentalist. Keep up the good fight.
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Just want to say thank you to those miners who put up their own hard earned money and gold to help this man out! And also a big thank you to all the folks that showed up in Idaho to stand up and dredge in opposition of the EPA's permitting scheme!

-Stacy

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American Mining Rights Association When we gave this truck to Gay last night, I just want everyone to know, everyone developed an instantaneous allergy and eyes were watering. Damn dust and pollen up here. Gay was literally speechless.
7 · July 25 at 7:05am

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American Mining Rights Association We would not use something like this to promote AMRA. This was about our friend Gay who did not have a truck and to do anything to try and get money for us.....we couldn't do that, our morals take over.
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Jack Hipp Thank you for your fight....you deserve what is coming as payback for that fight !!!!
4 · July 24 at 3:16pm

Richard Parker Thanks to all the miners up there. I have not ment a mean miner. Unless someone messes with their living.
July 25 at 8:31am

Mike Slater OUT_DAMN_STANDING!! It's great to hear GOOD news for a change.
8 · July 24 at 2:39pm

Dale Rhode Salt of the Earth Miners!!! It's great to hear stories like this...He is a fighter...
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Kathy Achee See I love Idaho . . . .
2 · July 24 at 3:50pm

Edward Mcelliott Awesomeness
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1 Reply

Comm Anderson He should have spent his life coming up with a battle plan.....and bought lots of ammo
July 24 at 9:23pm

Steve Wandt OUTFRIGGINSTANDING
2 · July 24 at 3:37pm

Bobby Ahlquist Awesome news.
1 · July 24 at 4:55pm

Michael Walker Gay is one awesome dude.Definitely deserving of the gift and then some.
1 · July 25 at 8:14am

Will Grice great job guys, that's the way to stick together
July 24 at 6:34pm

B.s. Miner THAT is awesome.
July 24 at 6:12pm

Ron Burns GOOD JOB
July 24 at 7:25pm

Cathy Linehan Paap This is what it's all about...being there for each other!
2 · July 24 at 4:37pm

Lorri-Randy Atkinson Pamela J. Smith-mcavoy, my Idaho!
1 · July 24 at 4:43pm

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This entire episode described below was video taped in its entirety, has been saved on multiple hard drives and will be used in the future.

USFS mineralogist CLINT HUGHES concocted (or was just the delivery boy, we don't know which yet) a scheme and tried to hand deliver "notices of non-compliance" to all suction dredgers on the SF Clearwater yesterday. He claimed we did not have a plan of operations aptly named PoO), because he believed suction dredging causes a "significant disturbance". We've been dealing with this very issue for many years and frankly, CLINT HUGHES's weak and often times, ridiculous and childish arguments on the bank with AMRA was not just laughable, but pathetic. CLINT HUGHES stated we needed to shut down immediately or face "further action" to which we encouraged CLINT HUGHES to initiate. Once we identified what this man was actually trying to say was unconstitutional and the USFS did not have the authority to dictate anything to us in reference to a PoO, we informed him we wanted our local Sheriff there to represent us as we are real property owners and this is harassment. CLINT HUGHES refused (on camera) to call the Sheriff's Department on our behalf several times. Shortly after denying us this, he stated he did not know how to operate a two-way radio (yes folks, we are not making this up). He stated this notice of non-

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compliance is a civil matter and does not involve the Sheriff. Yes, he actually said that. By the way, CLINT HUGHES also stated he has a masters degree.....

Rather than type out our 45 minutes of conversation, know that we are quite adept at conversing with these tyrannical authority over-steppers and gave him notice that his ignorance of the laws (which we often quoted by number and case name and he couldn't name one) is no excuse for violating the rights of the miners here.

Once the Sheriff's Department showed up, smiling to see all us miners, they informed CLINT HUGHES that the miners would be going back to work dredging their claims and CLINT HUGHES needed to carry on his business elsewhere.

CLINT HUGHES made several comments that he intends to come back with some law enforcement agents to serve these notices, to which I informed him I will NOT accept any notice of non-compliance period and he will have to arrest me, or have me arrested. He even made mention that he was going to bring those really scary folks, the EPA.

There are over 30 miners up here this year, most all of them are dredging and we are united, strong, lawfully mining our claims, are knowledgeable on our fundamental rights, have state dredge permits and have the Sheriff's Department and Doug Giddings supporting the miners.

So.....CLINT HUGHES (whom admitted he reads AMRA's webpage and we told him to like us on Facebook) you do what you feel you need to do. As you know CLINT HUGHES, I drive a big blue and white Toyota FJ Cruiser with AMRA on the side, find that at mile marker 39, I will be dredging with the big blue dredge right below it. Do what you feel you need to do Clint, but know your ignorance of the law is absolutely no excuse for you to exceed your authority violate my rights. .

We'll keep you posted.

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B.s. Miner I got $10 that says forest supervisor Cheryl Probert shows up at some point. Any takers?
2 · July 23 at 4:40pm
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American Mining Rights Association She won't show up. But you can bet $10 that I will track HER down.
4 · July 25 at 7:25am

Victor Janda Kick them in the balls over and over ,effing assholes
July 24 at 4:14am

American Mining Rights Association Too bad you're not here Vic, you'd love it and there is really good gold.
1 · July 25 at 7:22am

Chris Miller Don't forget about old Marty who also likes to harass dredgers on the clear water... Fun times. Oh and if I didn't say it then, thank you Brandon Rinehart and Shannon Poe for help getting our dredge up out if the water!
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American Mining Rights Association No problem Chris. Miners are brothers.
2 · July 25 at 7:21am

Kevin Ryan Ok I may not now as much as you all do but couldn't they end up being sued for undue harassment? or something like that? for this stuff.
July 23 at 5:13pm

American Mining Rights Association Yes, and that's just our game.
July 25 at 7:22am

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Vincent Landolina A minerologist against mining? WOW what a guy.....plooop.
4 · July 23 at 4:23pm

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American Mining Rights Association Wait until you see the video Vince, it's literally jaw dropping how ignorant this man is. Looks and sounds like he's from Berkeley.
1 · July 25 at 7:23am

Shawn Benson-albanese sound like the forest service to me I was up there dredging a few years ago when there was a wild fire in elk city and they stopped to inform us of the fire so we asked why all the crew cab pick ups where only going there with one person driving and no passengers there response was we need to use up our fuel budget so we get more the next year , total waste of our tax payers dollars!!!!
12 · July 23 at 6:46pm

B.s. Miner I can't believe these guys (and yes, there are A LOT of public servants and radical enviros) read AMRA's FB page and *still* try and take us on. All miners need to know your rights, and be prepared to defend them.
3 · July 23 at 4:36pm

Qirjg Oiejrfqw The more the government attempts to stop dredging, the more I want to learn to dredge myself.. Something about going against the tide, standing in the gap... standing for others rights.. love it.
1 · July 24 at 8:56am

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Nick Howard It's all State Land - the Feds have no Constitutional right to "own" it! Reclaim it and throw the USFS and BLM out!
4 · July 23 at 6:02pm

Bryan Johnson Mining in Idaho County shouldn't have to be an on going battle. Truth is the Forest Service should just do their job and let us do ours. They act like Idaho miners are all back woods simpletons. Not so.
July 25 at 11:15am

Chad Stanford Is he related to Curtis Hughes, retired minerals officer in Klamath Forest that tore out our bridge and continuously harassed my father and I?
1 · July 24 at 4:51am

Richard Parker You have to pat Clint on the head. After all he does work for the government. He does not have to no any laws. Just what he makes up. Oh my god it sounds just like oblamo.
July 23 at 5:06pm

Edward Mcelliott We call them forest circus here in Washington state
July 24 at 3:11pm

B.s. Miner I can't wait to get there Monday afternoon. When I pass through Grangeville on Monday morning, I'll stop in and thank Sheriff Giddings and UnderSherriff Gorges in person if they're there. (http://idahocounty.org/sheriffs-office/ thank them in person)
5 · July 23 at 4:24pm

Gary Watts back in your place Clint.....good work guys, thanks for taking a stand for all of us! We all have your backs
3 · July 23 at 4:15pm

Brian Osborne Common sense isn't a constant with the population regardless of education, status, title, or social standing...
4 · July 23 at 3:39pm

3 Replies

Mellisa Fernandez I can't believe the amount of PoO we have to put up with.
3 · July 23 at 5:17pm

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Curley Frazier The supreme court affirmed the right of the individual to exercise lethal force when defending one's constitutional rights, ie: freedom from false arrest. Keep it in mind Jack-Boots!
July 23 at 5:03pm

1 Reply

Judy Frew Thanks guys. Keep up the good fight.
2 · July 23 at 3:41pm

Kevin Tatum I believe it, I have meet ALOT of people with college degrees that couldn't wipe their own ass, he seems to fit the bill. Damn wish I was there
2 · July 23 at 5:09pm

Osborne Pauley So, the USFS sends a mineralogist to conduct compliance of PoO's?
2 · July 23 at 4:41pm

2 Replies

Mark Davis Go man go
2 · July 23 at 3:41pm

René Welter Knight It's a shame that they don't have anything better to do than harass you all!
1 · July 23 at 4:13pm

Dan Zoller Man u guys are good! haha! keep it up! wish i was there !
1 · July 23 at 3:41pm

Jaye Smith kepp up the good fight
1 · July 23 at 4:35pm

Ken Miller Wow I am missing all the fun, stand strong!
1 · July 23 at 4:24pm

Fred Deome There is gold in them there hills, best of luck!
July 23 at 6:56pm

Corey Shuman Right on! Good work!
July 24 at 7:01am

Matthew McAuliffe Clint hughes, what a jackass.has a masters degree and can't work a 2way radio....
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Jimmy Allen Sounds like somebody needs to file a harassment lawsuit against the Forest Service and after they've paid out few hundred thousand dollars or maybe millions word will get around they need to stop pulling this crap
1 · July 23 at 6:59pm

Andy Johns Rock on
July 23 at 4:57pm

Ray Schulze Kick ass and take names!
July 23 at 8:22pm

Shawn Benson-albanese Keep up the great work fellow miners it's our right ! After all we make the best salmon spawning beds and we don't even get paid for it !!!!
July 24 at 8:47am · Edited

Mike Trecartin Clint Hughes!
July 24 at 7:10am

N.j. DeBortoli Jr. You guys make me proud.
July 23 at 6:10pm

Troy Jones great job, keep it up
July 23 at 9:21pm

Jim Hamilton Very well done! Keep it up and they might just stop or get promoted to somewhere else.
July 24 at 7:49am

Tumbling Dice Really proud of you guys!
July 24 at 7:20pm

Ben Simons That sounds like the fs over there that I know of...
July 23 at 10:20pm

Dennis Ray We're is the video posted?
1 · July 23 at 6:54pm

2 Replies

Britt Ketchum Right on guys have fun
1 · July 23 at 3:41pm

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Dave Dave WTH
July 24 at 8:38pm

Chuck Dunn Chuck Dunn CLINT DOES HAVE A MASTERS DEGREE IN IGNORANCE

2 · July 25 at 8:56am

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Tumbling Dice Stacy... thanks for the updates... we all really look forward to what you post about what is going on with AMRA!
1 · July 23 at 9:45am

Nick Howard What mine? What location?
2 · July 23 at 8:20am

6 Replies

Glynn Barnes Throw Your Gold in His Face and see what happens! LOL
July 23 at 7:57pm

Glynn Barnes What's going on Stacy?
July 23 at 10:16am

Bob Juno Jr. Now you guys are heroes in my book
July 23 at 1:10pm

David Dixon Keep on refusing, maybe the ranger will jump stupid and disrupt some equipment, and then you can get him arrested for claim jumping.
2 · July 23 at 1:27pm

David Straight Its good to see someone from AMRA get ticketed and hassled first hand. Now the fight is truly personal! Kick it out of the park men!
1 · July 23 at 11:06am

Curley Frazier Screw the Jack-Boots!
July 23 at 5:08pm

Curley Frazier They better not start acting like Jack-Boots!
July 23 at 3:09pm

1 Reply

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Jared Mcanally Any of these for sale?
July 22 at 7:41pm

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Alquist Arms is giving away this Smith & Wesson M&P15 Sport and donating all ticket sales to AMRA... See More

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Sample Pan Dan Custer I'll buy a few tickets. Glad to see you guys fight the good fight up there
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July 21 at 4:42pm · Edited ·

Just heard from Shannon. After several attempts to contact the higher ups at the USFS, he was finally able to speak to a supervisor who said their phones have been blowing up over this dredging issue. They have concluded that dredging does not constitute a fire danger and that there is no need to shut down dredging operations at 1pm!
-Stacy

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Mark Wentland your call is very important to us please stay on the line and the next available commy will take your call !!!
5 · July 21 at 4:50pm

Richard Cataldo Guess they have to go back to the drawing board to find some other ridiculous rule to twist and manipulate to fit their agenda!
4 · July 21 at 5:45pm

Garry Braunberger Cascade Mining This is good news, I'm glad you all were able to bug them enough to get an answer. They don't want to deal with all the public so there forced to make decisions when contacted in this manor. Great job my fellow Miners !
July 22 at 1:15am

Rod Wilkinson Well a gold dredge pump can be used as a very effective fire fighting pump. MR USFS, its called common sense! Something they don,t teach at Universities these days!
July 21 at 11:47pm

Matthew Kelly Thier phone lines probably got so hot there was a fire issue!
7 · July 21 at 4:51pm

Don White Way to go small scale miners and everyone that took the time to MAKE their voice heard. Congrats!
4 · July 21 at 5:08pm

Steve Gregor It shows what action does vs staying silent and just complaining. Good job to all the callers !!!!
3 · July 21 at 5:07pm

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3 · July 21 at 4:47pm

Janice Mitchell Excellent!!
1 · July 21 at 5:26pm

Tom Weibert Ya Think.... Thank you for all you do. While I have not signed up myself yet as I am saving up for a lifetime membership. I have sent at least three new members to you. Keep up the good work and all you do!
1 · July 21 at 6:08pm · Edited

B.s. Miner This is very good news. Way to make the People's voice heard! Thanks to everyone who called.
1 · July 21 at 5:50pm

AU Dan Shenanigans by every agency. They just don't get it.

1 · July 21 at 7:50pm

Erik Gunter But the water is flammable, isn't it?
1 · July 21 at 5:36pm

Brandon Clark On the east fork san Gabriel fire fighters used the dredgers to fill there trucks instead of driving down the hill!!!!
1 · July 21 at 9:05pm

Paul Kirkeminde Yaaaaahooooo
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Rudy Andrew Trejo Woot Woot!!!
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Ken Royal After all, we would not want to see the water catch fire.....
July 21 at 7:02pm

Ken Landsman I have a plan - you Guys make them change their plan :( )
July 21 at 5:33pm

Reb Baraglia Social media use properly for a small victory, yeah buddy! Let's keep it up miners!!
July 21 at 5:39pm

Irene Lehr YEAH, back to mining!~
July 21 at 4:50pm

Troy Nocon So awesome. Well done
July 21 at 4:48pm

Victor Janda Ha! Touche effers!
July 21 at 5:40pm

Tumbling Dice Congratulations Shannon and AMRA!
July 22 at 7:51am

Bill Hansen That's awesome news
July 21 at 5:56pm

Shannan Layman I'm floored they didn't tell you that dredging is not allowed without the Discharge Permits that haven't been issued yet! Grrrrrrrr!!! LOL
1 · July 21 at 5:53pm

David Dixon So they can't call fire hazard, wonder what dumb thing they'll try next?
1 · July 21 at 4:58pm

David Prather Small wins add up to big wins. Way to go, Shannon.
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Bruce Wise Imagine that. Way to go Shannon!
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Update from Idaho:

Our boys were payed a visit last night from a USFS Law Enforcement Officer (LEO) that handed them a special order signed by 3 USFS Supervisors for fire restrictions. The order prohibits operation of chainsaws, combustible engines, etc. for cutting and felling trees. Our guys were told by the LEO that under the direction of the USFS supervisors, their dredge motors would have to be shut down by 1pm, because they are combustion engines that pose a fire danger. Oddly enough, a generator at a camp sight would be allowed to run if there is a 3 foot clearing around it. Shannon measured 49 feet from his dredge to the nearest bank on each side.

Shannon has met with the Sheriff and the County Commissioner on this issue today, and has put in calls to senators and representatives as well to fight this. He will be taking a stand and not shut down his dredge at 1pm tomorrow.

The Special order can be viewed here - http://www.fs.usda.gov/Int.../FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3845476.pdf

On a side note, Shannon says this has been the best dredging he's done in 3 years!

-Stacy

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Breck K. Fry Lol. So then, the LEOs should not be allowed to drive their vehicles, with combustible engines, out to the dredge site. Right?
33 · July 21 at 1:24pm

Dawn Snyder We just left Happy Camp, CA the forest service told us to float our motors for the high bankers since they are also under Extreme Fire Restriction or to have a USFS approved spark arrester . Interesting enough while they are telling everyone that, their crews were using chain saws to clear brush.. Interesting how the rules change with the managers..
5 · July 21 at 6:30pm

Bobby Ahlquist i knew they were up to no good, with all the times they drove by
1 · July 21 at 4:25pm

Rudy Andrew Trejo Land fire from a motor in the water....hmmmm?
6 · July 21 at 1:49pm

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Mark Wentland Keep fighting these commys at every turn the forest disservice and the fish and game have commy agendas seems to me !!!
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Troy Nocon Wow. Keep up the fight. Sounds like they are about out of legal arguments. It would be nice if they just stop by and wave a white flag, don a wet suit and jump in. The old if ya cant beat em join em. Thanks so much for all you all do.
1 · July 21 at 2:44pm

Vince Bischoff Eventually you'll be able to go hybrid engine/solar/ battery with an electric motor and then between 1am and 1pm you run the engine and after that you go battery/solar. Maybe Honda or Toyota can make it it can be factory mutual <FM> to keep sparks... See More
July 22 at 6:59pm

2 Replies

Chuck Correll Keep yer powder dry, marshal law coming to a town near you!
1 · July 22 at 2:02pm

Michael Lovett Keep up the good fight Shannon!!!
1 · July 21 at 1:35pm

Jack Duggins I didn't see anything about 'outboard motor use'... flex-pipe your exhaust just under the waters surface! Stupid regs if you ask me...
1 · July 21 at 1:31pm

Michelle Martin What damage does dredging do to the river?
July 23 at 5:05am

Traves A. Allen Its all about wavers for themselves and advancing their own careers anymore.
1 · July 22 at 8:27am · Edited

Todd Jones I would say a small engine surrounded by water would be safe enough and common sense would prevail, but some government agencies are robots and cannot make that distinction.
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Chris Smith Fight on for a free constitutional idaho
July 21 at 6:47pm

Mike Fish Check your state constitution but it should say your county sheriff supersedes the usfs.
2 · July 21 at 5:27pm

Nick Howard This is part of a push by several Fed Agencies to take ownership of all lands in the SW and NW. The Fed Govt owns everything - not the people. Basic Marxism.
1 · July 22 at 2:23am

Mike Slater They're grasping fro excuses. Cause they have none. Bureaucrooks!!
1 · July 21 at 1:23pm

Bradley Dover Bogus bullshit and they can't enforce it it'll never stand up in court
1 · July 21 at 2:11pm

Andy Foltz Unfricking believable!
1 · July 21 at 3:46pm

Jay Traven So boats can't be on a lake if there are trees near by
1 · July 21 at 1:31pm

Ryan Greening thats bullshit your on the water
1 · July 21 at 1:21pm

Stalina M Saleeby Careful they might murder you it is the government after all
July 21 at 2:27pm

Jeremy Wyatt I swear, that's ridiculous! Darn engine is floating in water and etc...
July 21 at 6:18pm

Tara Mundorff What happens when a spark hits water??

My point, exactly.
July 21 at 11:04pm

Caleb Bennington Awesome hope he wins.
July 21 at 2:23pm

Christa Kelling Bouchie well hell there go the boats, jetskis etc that people use.... I guess I"ll tell my husband to take the outboard motor off the double person innertube with cooler that we got.... *sighs* there goes the neighborhood fun

neighborhood fun
July 21 at 2:47pm

Richard Parker Give em hell shonnon
July 21 at 7:47pm

Bill Killian Dredge on Shannon.
July 21 at 1:53pm

Ken Landsman You'd think this would make a front page story - How blatantly obvious case of obstruction. I hope you find an editor to approve this story. Tell them it left you in Au.
July 21 at 3:35pm · Edited

Launy Calkins So im wondering who contacted the usfs to send them out to do this?
July 22 at 7:57am

Launy Calkins Right on get em boys!
July 21 at 1:36pm

Mike Hoffman Tell them it has a built in spark arrestor most of them do.
July 22 at 8:48am

Antone D Bledsaw Go Shannon .
July 21 at 4:08pm

Maggie Leonberger Wonder if they would say they same thing if you were able to use batteries or solar. Crazy
July 22 at 7:08am

David Timo That is awesome! Why can't they see the hypocrisy? I know why!
July 21 at 5:23pm

Robert Jeffrey Scott Double standards!
July 21 at 1:42pm

Dennis Clement ""Take Video""
July 21 at 6:56pm

David Hykes It looks like a new Bundy Ranch to me!
1 · July 21 at 3:22pm

Dan Zoller stupid tree cops !
2 · July 21 at 1:13pm

Gary Watts sounds like bull$hit to me.....keep fighting the good fight Shannon!
July 21 at 3:07pm · Edited

Curley Frazier Name the officers.
July 21 at 2:20pm

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July 21 at 2:19pm

Joe Rooney Ef em.
July 21 at 6:03pm

Jerry Tillery Gregg Clark
July 21 at 5:16pm

Craig R. Lane Clark Lane
July 21 at 1:27pm

American Mining Rights Association
July 19 at 7:59pm ·

Update from Idaho:

I'm in a little restaurant here in Grangeville and will give everyone an update without dumping Ranch on my keyboard.

We have not seen the EPA at all. USFS is driving by multiple times a day, but they wave for the most part. An Idaho Dept of Fish and Wildlife officer filmed us for over an hour, but we didn't get to talk to him since we were under water.

There is something very unusual going on up here and we'll fill you in shortly, but cannot right now. Just know this is going to anger you like no tomorrow and it is simply jaw dropping. We promise to update again in a few days.

We are doing very well this year and guess who's leading the pack (over 20 dredges) with the most? Yup, big blue. Brandon Rinehart is on my dredge with me and today we finally found some old ground that had not been worked before and literally there was gold everywhere we dredged. What an awesome day!

You all will want to see the video. We have an underwater GoPro and we've already checked it, it shows the gold like you were there with us.....

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John Ratley, Jon Siptrott, Mellisa Fernandez and 191 others like this. Top Comments

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B.s. Miner ok, it's decided. heck or high water, coming up on the 26th. be there for a week.
3 · July 19 at 9:34pm

1 Reply

Ron Decker Glad to hear you are doing so well. I hope you continue to do well or even better.
1 · July 19 at 9:29pm

Tumbling Dice Very interested to hear more about what you see happening in Idaho.
July 21 at 9:00am

Ben Simons Ready for video, and definitely want to hear more about what's going on. Wanted to visit y'all while I was there but missed you. Are you at the Hilltop? They have good milkshakes...
July 19 at 9:39pm

Ken Swenson Right on Shannon! Can't wait to see the videos and find out the latest update on what's going on over there
July 20 at 12:38am

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Jim Burrage Will be interesting to hear as I'll be back before the season is over And I have claims just a couple miles up the road on the dry side of the highway.
1 · July 19 at 8:48pm

B.s. Miner How long are you up there for?
July 19 at 8:42pm

Christa Kelling Bouchie Wish I could get out to do some prospecting.... between the spousal unit not liking me not being home when he gets home from work... it's a good 2-4 hour drive to places I know has locations that haven't been touched in over a century .....
July 20 at 1:45pm

Mike Ward Should we cancel our plans?? We are getting ready to head up there right now??
July 19 at 8:50pm

Jim Urrutia A ban on dredging in the works by Fish and Wildlife in Idaho... Watch.
July 19 at 8:55pm

Barry MacPhee Let's see the gopro video!!!
July 22 at 6:46pm

René Welter Knight Can't wait to see the video! and btw..... I love the red hat!!! 🙂
July 20 at 12:59pm

Glynn Barnes Is That Gold in Those little Vials sitting in Front Of The AMRA Hat?
July 20 at 9:40am

B.s. Miner I cant wait to see the video you've shot.
July 19 at 8:41pm

Dane Paul Awesome
July 19 at 8:31pm

Kenneth Scott Wagner I like the ClearWater/ Pierce area
July 19 at 8:28pm

Britt Ketchum Can't wait to see your video have fun be safe
1 · July 19 at 8:24pm

Jim Urrutia Waiting for the vid!
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July 19 at 8:42pm

American Mining Rights Association added 4 new photos — with Brandon Rinehart.
July 17 at 6:24pm ·

Update from Idaho dredging in opposition to the EPA:

We've already moved big blue once, but the move was well worth it. Looks like we got a half ounce today alone just on my dredge. 4 to 6 feet to bedrock and the cracks are loaded. Much better spot than anywhere I dredged last year. Brandon Rinehart is working my dredge with me, Mike Dahl is by himself (pictured) John, Paul and Tom Mitchell are on John's 4. There are at least 20 other dredges on the river this year which shows that we all CAN stand up to tyranny and this oppressive EPA.

The gold pictured with Brandon is from an AMRA friend, Randy. He mined this pan of many ounces, and even some 1/2 ounce nuggets just upstream from our AMRA claims. He did all this by hand, with a shovel and a sluice box. No kidding.

No sign of the EPA so far and everyone is waving at us, honking and very supportive of all the dredgers.

We have some amazing video for you this year. An underwater GoPro footage of the 6" and we even filmed the road crew blowing up some huge boulders with dynamite from a rock slide on our Forgotten Patriot claim.....and yes, we viewed it and it's awesome.

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Tyndrum Gold, John Ratley, Robert L Burrows and 227 others like this. Top Comments

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Jeremie Kaufman Awesome well hopefully be on our way up next week 🙂
1 · July 17 at 7:27pm

Roy Miller Bummer, wished the epa would've shown up and ticketed/fined/jailed...whatever it is that they do, so we can end this bs and not have to bother with bogus permits/regulations/crap-o-matic whatever and go

American Mining Rights Association
July 17 -

Cathy Linehan Paap, Rowly Bettencourt, Darrin Matthews and 11 others like this.

Blanca Blanco All I can say is "ooh my".
July 17 at 7:52pm

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July 17 ·

TB Weathers, Ron Decker, Cathy Linehan Paap and 13 others like this.

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With Brandon Rinehart.

Britt Ketchum, Elliott Hoyt, Cathy Linehan Paap and 19 others like this. Top Comments

Bob Juno Jr. Oh yeah
July 17 at 7:15pm

Scott Atkinson I like that air harness...
July 18 at 12:08pm

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July 18 at 10:18pm

James Keyser I'll be there in a couple days with my 5
July 19 at 9:02pm

Irene Lehr We wish we could be there also, Hubby has a 5 inch!
1 · July 17 at 6:55pm

Ron Decker Keep up the good fight and suck'em up boys!
2 · July 17 at 6:43pm

Robert Jeffrey Scott Wish I could be there! It looks like you guys are having a blast. Enjoy and strike it rich 🙂
2 · July 17 at 6:29pm

Jason Patrick Ferguson Gj guys!
1 · July 17 at 6:56pm

Jon Davis Looks great! Im jealous!
1 · July 17 at 6:30pm

Johnny Ferreira Your all r the new Jessie James. Do the strong fighter will prevail. I em keeping it alive in north Cali
1 · July 17 at 6:52pm

Cyndy Burchard AWESOME!
July 17 at 6:44pm

Aaron Klapka Nice going everyone and thanks for the updates!
July 17 at 8:42pm

Elis Proko Awesome
July 18 at 12:56am

B.s. Miner I was so looking forward to going up.... life got in the way.
July 17 at 6:45pm

Janice Mitchell Awesome news! Glad everyone is getting some!
July 17 at 9:59pm

Jerry Morey Dredge on brothers.
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Marvin Garry Lampshire Wish I was there!
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John Anderson Welcome to Idaho, and Thank You for what you do!
1 · July 16 at 9:37pm

Ron Decker Good deal! Thanks Stacy.
1 · July 16 at 4:04pm

Dean Urone Where's your beer? LOL
2 · July 16 at 2:23pm

2 Replies

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Richard VonDoom I think you got a clog.
1 · July 16 at 3:30pm

Jeff DeVine Reclining Dredge, catches Gold and other Crap ---- enjoy
1 · July 16 at 2:32pm

Anthony Davis Lol nice bed to relax
July 16 at 3:05pm

David Straight Working hard I see, water is colder than Cali huh....
July 16 at 3:26pm

Will Grice looks like fun
July 16 at 3:06pm

Shelly Robie DeVine I want one✔
July 16 at 2:57pm

Ted Clarke He's living the dream!
July 16 at 2:49pm

Rogue Panner Good for you keep living life on your terms
July 17 at 6:06am

Lee Pecha Hey, I'm going to like this..
July 17 at 1:43am

Rudy Andrew Trejo All you need is a fishing rod. So you can actually harm or kill fish! Get some Shannon!!!
July 16 at 4:45pm

Victor Morrow II Now it needs some jet- dri before running. Nice😎
July 17 at 8:11am

Dennis Mobley Wish we were there
July 16 at 2:30pm

B.s. Miner Let us know if Ratchilla shows up 🙂
July 16 at 2:31pm

Dave Busselle Nice boat
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Rob Leonard Needs a cooler
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Steve Frantz that the life
July 16 at 9:18pm

Kerstin Schmadeka My father really enjoyed meeting you guys today! I'm looking forward to coming down to meet you guys next week hopefully!
July 17 at 7:40pm

Kathleen Flanagan How come we can't run a dredge like that in South Dakota Rivers?
July 17 at 2:15pm

Ryan Greening how many ounces you guys really get out of these are they worth money spending on?
July 17 at 11:33am

Irene Lehr I could take a nap on there. I had some of my best naps on the river!
July 16 at 2:31pm

Jim Urrutia Well let's get it goin!
July 16 at 5:01pm

Gary Watts be sure you mix in some sunscreen
July 16 at 5:43pm

Dan Zoller yep ! that a wonderfull spot to chill !
July 16 at 2:41pm

Matt Ahern LOL
July 16 at 8:30pm

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July 15 at 12:33am ·

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This trip to Idaho is about standing up to a tyrannical government. One intent upon using regulatory agencies to destroy suction dredging in America. We stand up and fight when the law is on our side.

We will be in constant contact with Stacy and she will post while we are challenging the EPA. We intend to send her pictures every two days for you guys to see what we are doing, what we are getting and what we are facing.....and if they try and cite us.

AMRA does not back down, does not back up and stands up for the rights of all miners, members or not.

Join us in this fight and you can mine these same claims.....

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John Ratley, Sally Thornburg, Robert L Burrows and 155 others like this. Top Comments

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Tumbling Dice I'm proud to be a Lifetime AMRA Member, from Idaho and Washington State. Shannon and John, I hope you guys find a pan-full of Idaho Gold this week on the Clearwater River!
1 · July 16 at 1:05am

Ron Decker Kick some butt!
2 · July 15 at 6:46am

Victor Janda Thank you for taking on these jerks! Wish I could've made it there but the helicopter is here today,,,ahhhh work
2 · July 15 at 5:10am

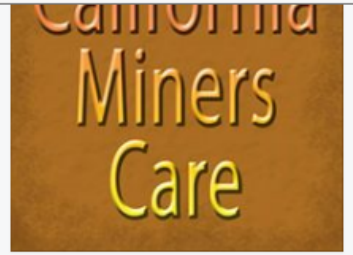
Mellisa Fernandez Thank you for all you're doing.
1 · July 15 at 5:58pm

Michael Ferreira Friday night at the Gold hounds meeting I spoke with a friend who is a NID employee. We discussed this mercury removal fiasco going on at Lake Combie and the Bear River. There are no 10 or 12 inch dredges in operation at this time. There is one piece o... See More
July 15 at 8:22pm · Edited

Kevin Barry Final vote was 3 to 1 with Merlin Jones (The 1) standing up for freedom. Option 2 will be presented again and have to be voted on but the outcome is the same. Just a question to ponder; Is MERG a lobbying group? They hide behind the fact they are a ... See More
2 · July 15 at 8:28am

1 Reply

Chelsea Hall KEEP ME UP TO DATE I HAVE 2 CLAIMS ON THE MERCED.



1 · July 15 at 8:41am

Ken Landsman Not sure how much good this will do , but I posted this on " The Supervisors' page " Think it will help ? :{) This is just a bunch of rich socialites who, for the most part, got rich by raping the resources of the land. Now that they have the mone... See More
2 · July 15 at 8:28am · Edited

Rowly Bettencourt Find a potatoe or two you guys!!!
3 · July 15 at 6:01am

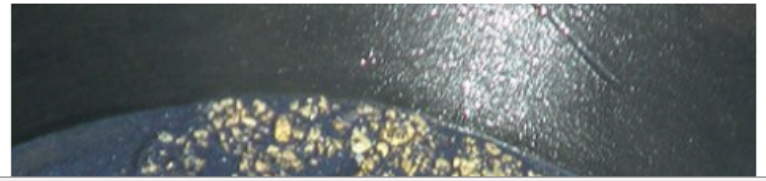
William Lundeen Smallcombe and the new Monkey Wrench Gang.
July 15 at 10:41am

Matt Ahern Cool gold in your pan
July 15 at 1:42pm

American Mining Rights Association
July 14 at 9:43am · Edited ·

Just spoke with Shannon. He is heading out to Mariposa today to speak to the Board of Supervisors in opposition to the Conditional Use Permitting scheme (C.U.P.) and to request in person that Supervisor Smallcombe recuse herself from the issue.

After the board meeting he will be on his way to Idaho, a 16 hour drive, to join the other dredgers at Occupy 2 to stand up to the EPA's illegal requirement for permits to dredge. We will be bringing you regular updates from Idaho. -Stacy



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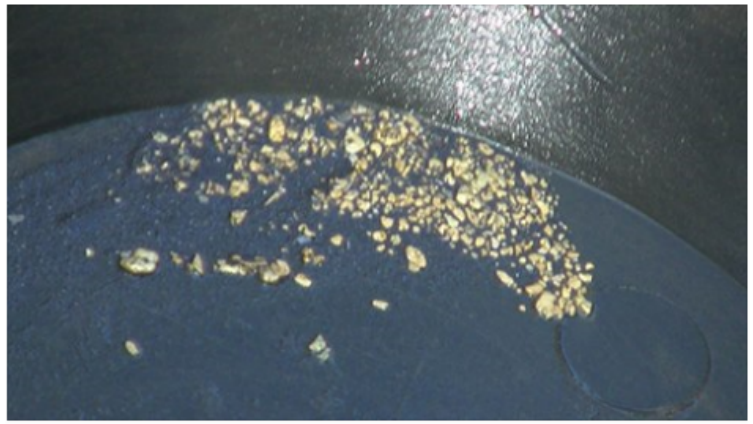

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Steve Gregor Appreciate Shannon and everyone at AMRA. The absolute dedication to the cause(s) is inspiring.
15 · July 14 at 9:49am

Catherine Currier Poe Shannon--you are my favorite son--you make me proud
4 · July 14 at 10:44am

Kenny James Not a member yet. Just want to say THANKYOU for fighting for all of OUR RIGHTS. Be safe in Idaho.
1 · July 14 at 2:11pm

Jack B. Treadway III Thank you for your hard work.
4 · July 14 at 10:06am

Bill Hunsaker Thanks Shannon you bring knowledge and a voice too all concerned I will back the rights given to all
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Dean Urone We as AMRA members could not have a better man than Shannon!! God Bless You my friend!!
3 · July 14 at 10:28am

Jeff Mcauliff Best of luck and safe driving !!
2 · July 14 at 10:32am

Tumbling Dice Be safe, Shannon - enjoy beautiful Idaho!
July 14 at 9:22pm

Paul Kirkeminde Go SHannon!
2 · July 14 at 1:02pm

Ron Decker Shannon did a great job as usual today!
1 · July 14 at 10:20pm

Maggie Leonberger Safe travels
1 · July 14 at 12:07pm

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Ron Decker It was nice to meet you Stacy Serrato.
July 14 at 10:21pm · Edited

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July 13 at 5:58pm ·

Accident with our friends, the firefighters with the Stanislaus National Forest.

Most of the USFS, we get along with quite well...especially the firefighters. They are heroes in our eyes and we've seen them literally risk their own lives to save our property, on many occasions.

Very recently, one of the SNF crews was involved in a serious (rolled over 4 times) motor vehicle accident when another driver pulled out in front of their 28,000 lb truck causing it to flip over an... See More