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**NEW BOARD MEMBERS SWORN
IN JANUARY 14TH IN SACRAMENTO, CA!**

*Miners have wins in 2005!
See page 2, Political*

**KARUK TRIBE
AT IT AGAIN!
SEE PAGE 11**

**WHO IS THE BEST PANNER IN
THE ORGANIZATION?
WE'LL FIND OUT AT THE MOCCASIN
CREEK PANNING CONTEST!
CONTACT CHRISTA EASTLAND FOR
SPECIFICS! CONTACT INFO ON PAGE 3.**

**Moccasin Creek site from
the road. The first outing of
the year will be held here.
2004 file.**



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Don Siegel
January/February

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2006 started off with a fury of heavy water, which should give all of you miners out there a case of cabin fever. Just the thought of the new gold moving into your favorite spot will get any miner excited for the creek bank.

Your 2006 UPI board just finished up the opening rounds of meetings and put together a great outing schedule with the hope of getting more of you out there with us. The thought behind expanding the schedule was to open up more opportunities for the membership to fit the outings into their busy schedules, knowing that making every outing is not easy, but we want you be able to make some of them. Along with that there will be Board Meetings at all outings except the Squirrel Creek outing. Look to the Web site and this newsletter for the 2006 schedule.

During the 2005 season and going into 2006 we have looked at cutting costs and to do that we may need to eliminate the least used claims in our portfolio. One way we can cut down on these budget cuts (government term) is to raise income. We try to solicit advertisers for our newsletter but could use your help in this area. Two things you can do, contact Aaron Matula or myself if you know of any possible advertisers. Moreover patronize the advertisers in our newsletter and let them know you are from UPI so they know their money is working for them.

I look forward to seeing all of you out at our outings and attending the meetings. We need your input so we know what you are thinking and what you are looking for from your 2006 board.

Don

UPI Political /Grievance

Welcome to another year of the greatest adventure of your life. Hope the winter months found you well and that you have escaped the cold and flue season. As in years passed it is my goal to help you learn about mining issues that are important not only to our weekend outings, but also to encourage you to write your Congressman and State Officials.

Just a short recap; during the last year three important cases were decided on our behalf. They were Lex/Wagoner, which educated us on our Notice Of Intent (NOI) and the McClure's decision on dredging. Both cases reaffirmed the rights of miners that exist in the 1872 Mining Law. Also, the Karuk Tribe in Northern California attempted to stop dredging on the Klamath and Salmon Rivers, this suit was denied by Judge Sandra Brown Armstrong. Public Lands for the People were very active in the outcome of these decisions. Although in my conversation with Jerry Hobbs the Karuk Tribes decision is being appealed. Jerry feels that the merits of this case are very strong and the legal decision should go our way.

So where does that leave us today? If you are an avid prospector and wish to conform to all requirements by BLM and the Forest Service while prospecting I want to encourage you to read these cases. The Law Suits are not difficult to understand, the language of the lawyers is somewhat straight forward, and it will educate

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Mar. 31, April 1 & 2: Moccasin Creek, Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 4/1.
May 5 - 7: Twain, Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 5/6.
June 2 - 4: Bull Creek, Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 6/3.
June 30 thru July 4: Genesee, at the original Genesee site. Board meeting At 9:00 AM Saturday, 7/1.
Please go to the Bulletin Board page for the remaining schedule.

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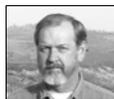
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BOARD NOTES

January 14, 2006

President Don Siegel called meeting to order at 10:18 a.m.

Roll Call:

Officers Present: Don Siegel, President; Tom Eastland, Vice President; Samantha Wait, Treasurer and Rita Perry, Secretary.

Directors Present: Bill Reboin, Chet Chastain, Tom Eastland (dual role), Christa Eastland, Linda Doyle, Steve Letlow, Aaron Matula, and Wesley Smith.

Director Absent: Brenda Marsh

- **Members Present:** Kit Perry, Lance Schmidt, Ivan Perkins, Jim Appleby, Ralph Gragg, and Mark Weber
- Oath of Office taken by Christa Eastland, Tom Eastland, Don Siegel, Gerald Hurt, William “Bill” Reboin, Linda Doyle, and Rita Perry. Minutes of November meetings were read and accepted with changes to Page 4 Orleans should be Orville and Page 5 Mt. Hope Ranger District should be Mt. Hogue Ranger District.
- **Treasurer, Samantha Wait:** The checkbook balance as of November 5, 2005, was \$8,127.25; total income \$3,588.00 which leaves a total of \$11,715.25. **Total Expenses \$1,877.26.** January 13, 2006, Balanced Checkbook is \$9,837.99. Motion was made by Chet Chastain to accept the Treasurer’s Report, Wesley Smith seconded, and motion carried.
- **Membership, Linda Doyle:** Linda stated Carol Eastland is now helping her with the renewal registration and she thinks it will work out well. We have 1 honorary, 61 life, 316 regular, 8 subscribers, with a total of 386 members and that makes 731 family memberships. She had a suggestion of calling members who did not renew their memberships to find out why. She received a note from William Sobo wanting to know if we were limited to California only or could we expand into Nevada? A discussion was held regarding the UPI letterhead. It was motioned by Chet, seconded by Gerald Hurt, and carried to have the UPI logo and the United Prospectors, Inc. and underneath (UPI) A Family Oriented Small Scale Mining and Prospecting Organization since 1947. Mark Weber will create this and put it on the website. **Wagon Master, Wesley Smith:** Wes distributed a list of vendors for port-a-potties.
- **Outing Coordinator, Brenda Marsh:** Brenda resigned but her resignation was not accepted. Christa will be stepping in for the time being as Outing Coordinator.
- **Ways and Means, Aaron Matula:** Aaron brought catalogs to share with us. He is going to contact at least three vendors and price their products before purchasing supplies to replenish our stock. Don has purchased some nuggets for the raffles.
- **Political-Grievance, Gerald Hurt:** Gerald is still fighting for Oxbow. He hasn’t given up yet. He has not received any complaints. He will write monthly articles for the newsletter and try to raise funds to keep the newsletter going. He quoted a passage from the lawsuit that is taking place now “Karuk Tribe vs. Forest Service” by the judge. She stated in short that the mining law of 1872 governs mining in the National Forest. Plan of operations would not apply to individuals desiring to search and occasionally remove small mineral sample or specimens, to prospect and sample that does not cause significant surface disturbance. A Notice of Intent need not be filed for operations which will not involve a mechanized earthmoving equipment, such as, bulldozers, backhoes, and does not involve cutting trees. In summary the dredging regulations may be rewritten. He thinks that Salmon River may be reopened this year. It must be understood that UPI and members who are prospecting on UPI claims must abide by the Organization’s filings with the land steward. If special requirements are needed of the members on a given claim that information is in the Member Guidebook. Also, Gerald asked the board if anyone gets reimbursed for going to the outings or meetings? Chet is the only director that gets 35 cents a mile for travel expenses only when he is doing his work for the claims. Does not get it for attending the outings or meetings.
- **Editor/Publisher, Bill Reboin:** He had nothing to report.
- **Chapters, Tom Eastland:** We have two active Chapters, Contra Costa and Fresno. December 15 was the first Fresno, Madera, and Kings County Chapter meeting. The Chapter Chairperson will be Harold Lancaster. We have a new chapter starting up in Novato, which is Marin and Sonoma Counties. The first meeting will be February 8 at a pizza place. Brian Newhouse is heading this up. We also have Mark McDaniels of the Auburn area, February 15th as the date for the chapter meeting. Don Scalise has decided not to chair the Sacramento Chapter but whoever would like to do that can use the Mine Store for the meetings.
- **Claims, Chet Chastain:** He has the Notice of Intents and the Plan of Operations ready to be sent unless there are some changes. He made a motion to relinquish Cedar Grove and to quick claim Clippership to William Reboin and Oxbow II and IV to Tom Eastland. It was seconded by Gerald Hurt and carried.
- **Technical Advisor, Steve Letlow:** He did purchase some 3-inch Briggs and Stratton spark arresters. He said that he was going to make sure that he would write articles on equipment usage for the newsletter. Also, he is going to announce in the newsletter when he will be demonstrating power sluicing, panning, and whatever the case may be and members are invited to come and learn how to do it.
- **Treasurer, Samantha Wait presented by President Don Siegel:** BILLS PRESENTED FOR PAYMENT.

New Checkbook Balance 01/14/2006	\$ 9,837.99
Beverly Paul, for year end report preparation	\$ 140.00
TOTAL BILL	\$ 140.00
New Checkbook Balance	\$ 9,697.99

Motion was made by Chet Chastain and seconded by Wesley Smith accept payment of the bills. Motion carried.

- **Webmaster, Mark Weber:** He is still having problems with ADDR billing. He also stated that he is willing to work with the directors in regards to putting information on the website. All information should go through Bill Reboin before going to Mark.
- **Unfinished Business:** The schedule for outings and meetings were decided on and will be listed in the newsletter and on the website.
- **New Business:** Bill is planning on retiring in a couple of years and is unsure if he will continue as a director. If he continues he may need UPI to purchase a laptop for him when that time comes, because of where he may be living at that time. He may not have access to the internet except via a laptop and WiFi connections. He also wanted job descriptions set for all directors. He would also like to see Ways and Means take over contacting Advertisers. He will be sending everyone a break down of the cost for advertisement via email. The goal is to have enough advertising to cover the

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NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

*This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all new members and those renewing!
Welcome aboard for a year of fun.*

Information is from 01/17/06

New Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Jorge Gonzalez	Union City, CA
Wes & Bonnie Hawkins	Grass Valley, CA
Allan Katz	Napa, CA
Robert Knopik	Copperopolis, CA
Robert Mc Common Sr.	Vacaville, CA
Robert Mc Common Jr.	Vacaville, CA
Ron Miller	Mountain, CA
Les Rossi	Rescue, CA

Renewing Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Art & Lucy Apodaka	Merced, CA
Jim & Carolyn Appleby	Oakley, CA
Nancie Barker	Morgan Hill, CA
Art Basso	Burbank, CA
Steve & Naomi Boswell	Fresno, CA
Charles Brooks	Madera, CA
Harvey & Mattie Brookshire	Redding, CA
Leland & Nina Brown	Elk Grove, CA
Mark & Debbie Buhl	Turlock, CA
Vernon & Marie Crabtree	Santa Rosa, CA
Gregory E. Davis	Tempe, AZ
Albert & Denise Downey	Twain, CA
Steve & Kathryn Doyle	Loomis, CA
Jon & Linda Evers	Santa Ana, CA
Richard & Thurlie Fish	Vacaville, CA
Michael Flanders	Livermore, CA
Ralph & Jeanne Gragg	Concord, CA

Renewing (Cont.)

<u>Name</u>	<u>City/State</u>
Lee Greer	Vacaville, CA
Jim Gribben	Bakersfield, CA
Edward Hansen	Reedley, CA
Richard Haynes	Bakersfield, CA
Randy & Glenette Hucjabay	Madera, CA
Martin & Isabel Kelly	San Leandro, CA
Jeff Kyle	Martinez, CA
Jim Lewis	Somis, CA
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Curtis Moser	Hayward, CA
Georgia Murray	American, CA
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Rick Neet	Garden, CA
Gary Nunes	Visalia, CA
Al & Hulda Onyika	Fallon, NV
Andy & Kathy Patterson	Santa Clara, CA
Beverly Paul	Folsom, CA
Dwaine Pierzina	Stockton, CA
Erwin & Nancy Powell	Rogue River, OR
Tom & Janet Ritter	Fresno, CA
William Sobo	Fort, FL
Robert & Phyllis Terry	Anderson, CA
Bill Westcott	San Leandro, CA
Robert Williams	Concord, CA
Martin R. Wockenfuss	Cloverdale, CA
Michael Zastwany	Santa Cruz, CA

Up for Renewal in February '06

Wayne Baker	Allan R. Batchler	John Caldwell
Bob Christensen	Stephen De Nobriga	Fred Heil
Don & Mary Anne Ivers-Mejia		Laith Leboa
Mark McDaniel	Ralph Miller Jr.	Don & Annie Robinson

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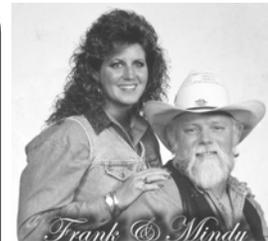
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Up for Renewal February '06 Cont.

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Richard Yoshida		

Welcome aboard for another year of enjoyment with UPI the small-scale miners advocate. We hope to see you at the outings and the Board meetings.



**Don Siegel
UPI President**

Left: UPI President Don Siegel with a golden pan presented to him by the Board.

Don, on his own, had presented Board Members with beautiful copper pans for their support of him and the group. This was the Boards appreciation for Don's work as the President.

Don had to take over as President, per the organization by-laws, when the past President left. Don was in no way groomed or prepared for taking the position over. Don has done an admirable job in the face of adversity and the lack of grooming. Say hi , support and thank him!

Breakfast/Board Meeting, 011406

Left: Most of your current Board of Directors. *Sitting foreground:* Linda Doyle, Membership, facing us and Tom Eastland, Vice President, with his hands clasped on the right.

The lady in black, far left, is Christa Eastland, the newest member to the Board, no position/post assigned as yet.

The back row, left to right is Chet Chastain, Claims. Rita Perry, Secretary. Bill Reboin, Editor-in-Chief/Publisher. Aaron Matula, Ways and Means. Gerald Hurt, Political/Grievance. Don Siegel, President.

Missing from this Board of Directors photo though present and active Board Members are Samantha Wait, Treasurer and Steve Letlow, Technical Adviser.

Immediate left: Breakfast at Rosemont Family Restaurant. We catch a glimpse of Treasurer, Samantha Wait, center facing us, but there is nothing to be found of Steve.

We were happy to see five members make the trip to attend the breakfast and join in the Board Meeting. Very positive.



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Fresno Chapter Reports!

Bill Poore

A group of Fresno Chapter members spent some time in Quartzite. They were: Harold Lancaster, Charlie and Lena Brooks, Tom Ritter Bill Poore and their four legged friends.

The days were 70 - 80 and it was a little cool at night.

Not much Au was found but all had a great time.

A few pictures at the left. Bill Poore in the center, I'm not going to guess at the others.

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cost of the claims, so that we won't have to drop our claims. Tom is going to define all of the director's positions. Sam also may have to give her position up and wants to be able to train someone. It was agreed that Rita is going to save the tapes and write the minutes as she thinks is best.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45 p.m.

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you and give you piece of mind when you are confronted by a Forest Ranger. Remember it is your duty to know the Law and abide within it. This will enhance the working relationship between Forest Service, BLM and the United Prospectors.

During the 90's the President of the United States made me painfully aware of WORD ART. Now WORD ART is a head game that the legal people use in order to confuse you. In other words you must understand the words they are using and how it applies to your situation. Do you remember the statement it all depends on what "is", "is". Keep this in mind when reading the court cases

As cases develop this year I will try to keep you informed of the month-to-month decisions.

Gerald George Hurt

TOBACCO MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!

Bad driving weather is upon us. If you can't clearly see where you are trying to direct the vehicle you are navigating, and the surrounding scene, there could be serious consequences. (Windshield road film.)

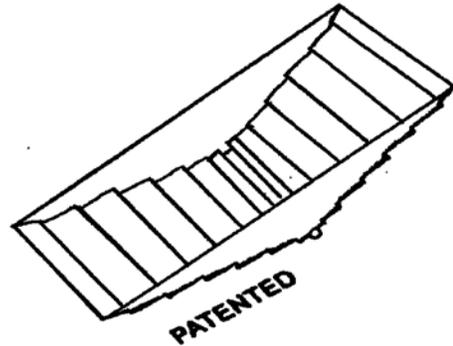
All of the newer passenger vehicles have a windshield washer system installed in them at the factory. The system works good when used to remove non-oily build-up, road film, from the windshield. However, even with good wiper blades there isn't enough strength in the washer system mixture to cut through the non-water soluble, oily materials, road film, that end up on your windshield when driving in certain precipitation conditions. This can create hazardous driving/navigating conditions especially at night, and even during daylight hours. What is the solution? Tobacco.

OK, how may tobacco save my life while driving? My think is that some of the more mature members of our organization may be aware of the benefits of driving with tobacco on board. If not I need to enlighten all of you: When you are driving in precipitation and your windshield starts distorting vision because of road/oil film that is not removed by use of the windshield washer system, tobacco to the rescue! If you know me as a smoker, I'm not blowing any smoke here.

At the beginning of the precipitation season get yourself a package of inexpensive chewing tobacco. (It may be that plugs of chew are not available any longer. All I have been able to find is snuff and loose chew in pouches, Red Man, Beech Nut. No Days Work in a plug.) That's fine. If all you can find is chew in a pouch then get that. Place wads of the loose chew into bags formed from cheesecloth, keeps the mess down and store as follows. Put it in a plastic freezer bag to help retain the freshness and moisture, and put in the glove box of your vehicle (s). When you are out driving and you windshield starts streaking up compromising your vision/safety it's time to bust out the tobacco.

Pull off the road at a safe place and get your tobacco in the cheesecloth bags out. Allow for a film of water to build up on the windshield, go outside and rub the bag on the windshield just like you would if washing the windshield. You can actually see the streaking start to disappear. Rub the bag up and down the wiper blade as well to loosen up the accumulated oil film. While waiting for a few minutes for the tobacco to do its thing, package up your bag, then hit the windshield washer and

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Moccasin Creek Outing

Moccasin Creek is the first outing of the year as the FS has made Oxbow off limits to mining.

Please familiarize yourself with the rules of use of the Moccasin Creek claim. The rules are in your Guidebook. You can dredge up through Friday, the 31st, but no dredging after that. The yellow legged frogs biological clock says he comes out on April 1 and then disappears again on September 15. Interesting isn't it?

Overflow can mine and dredge on Maxwell Creek that runs through the southern part of Coulterville. Be sure to stay on the west side of the bridge. I've seen some nice gold found there. It's in walking distance from Coulterville RV Park.



Prospecting Moccasin "2003"
Moccasin is the first outing this year.

LOCATING A CLAIM

Language to describe a claims physical location & size.

Chet Chastain Claims Manager

I'm back. As promised, here is the first of my articles describing how to "locate" a mining claim. First I want to bring you up to date on my annual duties. Last month I described the Notices of Intent and Plans of Operation I send out to the host forests. Before I did this I needed the schedule of outings. This schedule was adopted at our January meeting. I went back home and plugged the dates into the NOI/POO and printed them out, signed them and sent them via Certified mail to Plumas National Forest, Stanislaus NF and Six Rivers NF. They now have 15 days to respond. If the Six Rivers NF response is favorable, then we (the UPI Board) will have an opportunity to open up the Salmon River UPI Claim. I expect the responses from the other forests to be status quo. We did not send a NOI to BLM because they consider our operations on Moccasin Creek to be below the "significant disturbance" threshold. We didn't send any to El Dorado NF or Tahoe NF because we no longer have the Oxbow claims.

Back to locating a claim... In our case we are interested only in "placer" claims, as apposed to "load" claims. Locating a load claim includes most of the following. Maybe some future article can describe hard-rock claims when & if I get enough experience with them. I am drawing on my own experiences here – someone with more qualifications will probably find a lot of humor here. I am not drawing on anything that should be mistaken for accredited sources. This is meant only to entertain. If you want something with credible content you should take some courses at school.



First we need some definitions:

Meridian/Base Line (see above illustration) is used to specify a group of Townships (North/South of base line) and Ranges (East/West of meridian); thus the Mt. Diablo meridian covers north & central California and Nevada and all range / townships therein.

Township is an east/west boundary of a north/south line

6 miles long (for our purposes, anyway)

Range is an east/west line 6 miles long

Township & Range is a rough square 36 square miles in area consisting of 36 Sections oriented on a meridian and it's base line.

Section is an area of one square mile oriented on a range & township boundary.

Aliquot is a Latin word meaning "some" or "so many". An "aliquot part" means that one quantity is exactly divisible into another; thus 3 is an aliquot part of 6.

If you know the above then you can describe a specific parcel of land anywhere within the meridian boundaries. In our case it will be enough just to describe the location of a parcel we are interested in exploiting for mineral value.

We will use a fictitious claim we will call XClaim as an example.

Item 4, of this claim's Location Notice reads:

Placer mining claim IS IN an area where there is a U.S. Public Land Survey and the description of the claim by legal subdivision including aliquot part (A.P.) of section (such as E1/2NE1/4NE1/4), Section (Sec.), Township (T.), Range (R.) and Meridian (Mer.), is as follows:

A.P. W1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4, Sec. 15, T. 1S, R. 15E, Mer. MDM

This "user hostile" Item 4 describes the size, location and orientation of our claim. Let's break it down. To understand this we read it backwards as:

Mer. MDM – means the claim is within the Mount Diablo Meridian (MDM) boundaries.

R. 15E means it is "at least" 90 miles east of the meridian line (15 ranges east is $15 \times 6 = 90$ miles).

T. 1S means it is "at least" 6 miles south of the MDM base line ($1 \times 6 = 6$).

Sec. 15 means that the location is further refined as "at least" two miles south and two miles east of the spot represented by the Range and Township.

A range and township that is South & East points to the corner of the 36 square miles they represent that is nearest their meridian (Section 1). The sections are stacked 6 south and 6 east of that point. So for section 15 it would be kind of a serpentine....

1 2 3 4 5 6
12 11 10 9 8 7
13 14 15 ...

which is two miles south and two miles east of the corner nearest the meridian at it's northwestern-most point. A North & East range and township has the southwest corner of the southwest-most section (36) as its closest point to its meridian. This makes them "within" instead of "at least" for their township and section.

A.P. W1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4 is the aliquot portion of the square mile identified by the section, range, township and meridian. It too can be read backwards for clarity...

NW1/4 is the northwest quarter of the section. Make a square and divide each side in half. That makes four quarters of the square. Divide each of these quarters' sides by half and you have quarters of quarters – a north, south, east and west. So the NW1/4 is the top (north) left (west) quarter. Within this quarter is a SE (southeast or bottom-right) quarter of that quarter. And within the SE1/4 of the NW1/4 is a W (west) half. So the A.P. W1/2 SE1/4 NW1/4 would be read as the west half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of the section. A square mile has 640 acres. A quarter mile square has 160 acres. A quarter of a quarter square mile has 40 acres. Guess how big XClaim is. Yup, its 20 acres! It is a rectangle with its long sides west & east one quarter mile long and its short sides north & south one eighth mile long.

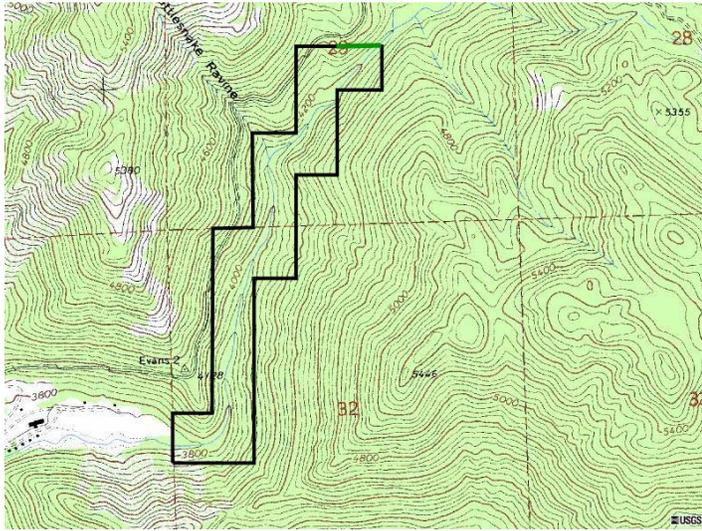
I suppose you could say that Item 4 of the Location Notice for XClaim in section 15 describes 20 acres, the northwestern-most corner of which is 92.25 miles east and 8.25 miles south of the top of Mount Diablo. The southeastern-most corner is 92.375 miles east and 8.5 miles south of Mount Diablo.

The "user friendly" nature of Item 4 from the Location Notice above means that you don't have to be that specific!!! The "U.S. Public Land Survey" did all that for you! If you know the Section, Range, Township and Meridian, you can find out what USGS (U.S. Geological Survey) map it is on (that's what I would do, anyway). In the case of XClaim it is on the 7.5 minute USGS quad map called "Moccasin, Calif.". How would I know that? I would take a GPS (Global Positioning System) reading at the claim. Suppose it read as N37° 50' 30" by W120° 18' 45". Enter this into the search criteria at the web site <http://terraserver-usa.com/> as -120.302 Longitude and 37.844 Latitude (convert base 60 minutes and seconds to base 10 decimal). Fiddle around with it until you have the target section centered. Another site I use is <http://www>.

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topozone.com/ as “Moccasin, CA” criteria,. Either will get you close to the claim. The TopoZone site will identify the quad map. A store that sells quadrangle maps usually has an index map to identify the 7.5-minute maps. These maps will contain the Section(s) that you can bisect and the Range & Township needed for the Location Notice (look along the margins for these). Just look at the Member Guide. All I did was copy quad maps and mark them up.

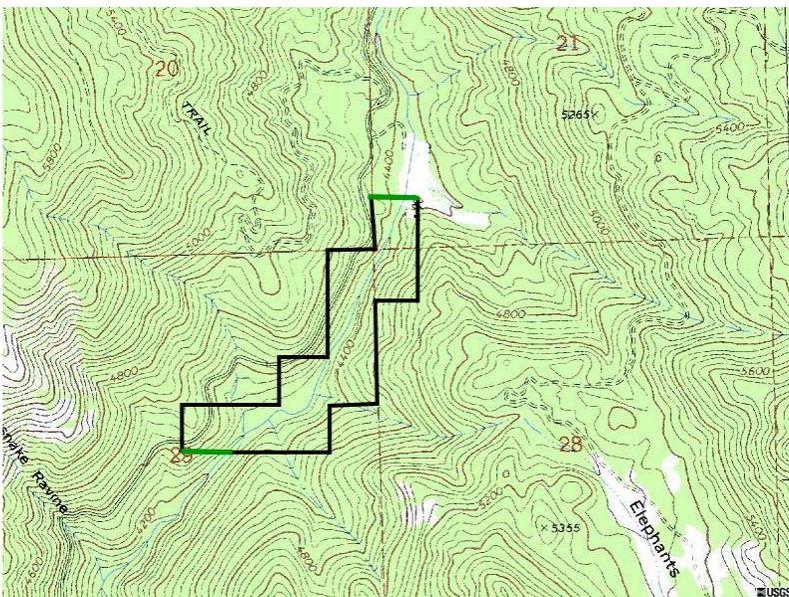
Have I lost everybody yet? I hope not. If you look closely at the Members Guidebook maps you can get an idea of how detailed location aliquot parts can get. Here is some homework:



Here is another fictitious sample claim (see above illustration). With a ruler you should be able to decipher the Item 4 entry of the actual Location Notices. Here it is:

- A.P. N1/2 NW1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 32, T.2S, R.12E, Mer.MDM
- A.P. E1/2 SW1/4 NW1/4, Sec. 32, T.2S, R.12E, Mer.MDM
- A.P. E1/2 NW1/4 NW1/4, Sec. 32, T.2S, R.12E, Mer.MDM
- A.P. NW1/4 NE1/4 NW1/4, Sec. 32, T.2S, R.12E, Mer.MDM
- A.P. SW1/4 SE1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 29, T.2S, R.12E, Mer.MDM
- A.P. N1/2 SE1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 29, T.2S, R.12E, Mer.MDM
- A.P. E1/2 NE1/4 SW1/4, Sec. 29, T.2S, R.12E, Mer.MDM
- A.P. NW1/4NW1/4 SE1/4, Sec. 29, T.2S, R.12E, Mer.MDM

Try to make up the Item 4 entry for the claim just to the north of the one I did (see illustration below). Any member who brings the correct



entry (and their membership card) will get one free 50/50 raffle ticket at the Twain outing May 5, 6 & 7th. Here is a hint: This claim is located in sections 21, 28 & 29 of Township 2S, Range 12E, Meridian MDM and there are six (6) entries. Don't worry about the order of the entries, just so you describe it with the fewest possible and still describe the entire claim. The southernmost entry will be the part that abuts the last entry of the previous example above (see the line that crosses the claim there?). The northernmost entry will be the one in section 21.

Next month I will walk through the remainder of the Location Notice. Now wasn't that fun?

The answer to this exercise will be found in Issue # 283, which will follow the Twain outing.

UPI Editor-in-Chief/Publisher Announcement

In June of 1999 when I assumed the position of Ed/Pub, I was newly in possession of a top of the line computer loaded with all of these nifty programs. I didn't really know how to control all of the power at my fingertips, non-the-less I had it. My initial intent in purchasing the computer with the nifty programs was to become a political adversary,. I was going to go after those that I believed were doing more harm than good in two areas of my personal interests Being a fire arms owner and a small-scale miner the two main targets were to be the gun control freaks attacking my and others Second Amendment rights, and the environmental extremists or the “enviro freaks” as I like to call them, and their continual attacks on the small-scale miner.

About this same time, my predecessor Jerry Bowen, the then UPI Editor/Publisher was ready to hang it up. Jerry had made an announcement in one of the newsletters that his next issue was going to be his last. My think was, piece of cake, no sweat, I can handle this, and I have a publisher program. Jerry made his intentions to pass his Editor/Publisher hat known for about a year, with no takers. In his next to final issue he stated that the following issue of the newsletter would be his final issue. Drop dead time. I don't want to see this happen again. No drop dead time. The results in the quality of the newsletter at the time of the change were shocking in the least I know for sure, thus this advance warning.

Well with all of this high-powered equipment I had at hand, a publishing program too boot, I figured that I could step into Jerry's shoes and continue, so I volunteered for the job. To make a long story short, my first issue of the newsletter was issue number 221.5. It is not remembered now why the .5 was used in the issue number other than I think that because of the time constraints in getting it ready for publication it was going to be half-cocked, so the .5 number. Boy was it half-cocked. I'm sure that those of you around then probably gasped when you saw it; I know the Board did. Boy was it bad. A reproduction of my first Front Page appears on page 10 of this issue. A reproduction of Bowen's Front Page is on page 14 of this newsletter. Do you want this again?

Why is this being brought up? The answers are: June 2006 will begin my seventh year as your Editor-in-Chief/Publisher. I am also the organization Historian by appointment. I have no problem with that other than working full time and publishing the newsletter full time, and overseeing the Guidebook

I have not been able to devote time to the history of the organization, and a lot has transpired and changed. Our history stops at 1999 save for some work that I have done on it to update it a bit. If I retire before my UPI term is up, I have started drawing my Social Security, I am not sure that I will want to continue wearing either of my UPI hats, or any at all for that matter. It is time to start thinking about my future and the future of UPI in terms of this most important position. We as an organization not just the Board, but the membership as well, need to find someone to step up to the plate too fill my shoes. Moreover I need help now. Help is needed with Guidebook, Subscriber only Guidebook and Tri-fold updates. Help is also needed with digitalizing newsletters from 1947 to 1999 creating files that can be easily drawn from and viewed on the website. **We need to be preserving our history and fostering our future.**

Please contact me or the Board.



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Let's see how good our memories are. I know the person that won and holds this raffle nugget, do you?

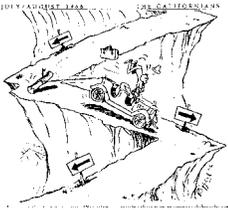
Hint: The outing was our last at Alpha Pit.

The first person to give me the holders name, save for the holder, via any communication medium will have their membership renewed for one year on me!

Bill. EIC/Pub

GUESS WHO? THIS COULD BE YOU
 There is more than one way to go home from an outing with some gold. But to do it you have to be there.
NEXT OUTING IS DIGGER, MORIAH LEIGH JUNE 18-20

Summer is here it is time to get out and find some of that elusive yellow metal, so- -
PUT YOUR TROUBLES IN A POCKET WITH A HOLE IN IT AND GO PROSPECTING



Karuk Tribe at it Again

The Karuk Tribe recently thwarted in their attempt to shut down mining on several rivers in northern California, have found a new ally—the California Department of Fish & Game. Unbeknownst to miners, the Karuk’s filed a lawsuit against Fish & Game earlier this year in Alameda County Superior Court after losing in a lawsuit against the Forest Service. Fish & Game and the Karuk Tribe were reportedly close to signing an agreement that would have placed significant restrictions on all mining in riparian areas of the Klamath National Forest when miners discovered the proposed changes in early December.

Members of The New 49’ers, mining and prospecting club located in Northern California are spearheading the effort to intervene in the case. Many of the group’s mining claims are located on the Salmon, Klamath, and Scott Rivers—all areas that would be affected by an agreement between the Karuk’s and Fish & Game.

The New 49’ers have retained attorney James Buchal to intervene on the behalf of miners. Buchal is the same attorney who intervened on behalf of miners when the Karuk’s sued the Forest Service in a similar attempt to restrict mining on the same rivers. (See “Miners Win in Karuk Tribe v. USFS” in our August 2005 issue.)

A fundraising drive is currently underway to pay for attorney costs related to this latest case. *See page 13 for further information.*

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Life Magazine Article on Treasure Hunting.....

A long wait, but finally Life Magazine is printing the article on Treasure Hunting, it is scheduled to come out March 17th. Many of us across America contributed to this article and hopefully it will shed a new light for many that have the wrong impression towards our hobby.

Remember, since the year 2000, Life magazine stopped a magazine type publication, and now has a magazine insert into major newspapers across the USA. You will need to call and check to see where the closest

newspaper is to you that has the Life Magazine insert in their paper or check their website at www.lifemagazine.com. For Texas folks, only one newspaper has the insert and it is the **Fort Worth Star-Telegram**.

Be sure to mark the date and look for the article, good PR for our interests, we hope.

Keith Wills
EIC (Editor-in-Chief)

UPI/EIC/Pub (Editor-in-Chief/Publisher) Note: Keith is also the president of World Wide Association of Treasure Seekers (WATTS) . Website - - - www.watts.org/ WATTS is primarily a detectorists and treasure hunting organization. In the past UPI has used articles provided by Keith related to detecting for Au (gold) and the adversarial attitude of the various governmental agencies and bureaucrats within toward detectorists. Yes there are a number of detectorists in our group that look for what we can find be it Au or other

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MEMBERS PASSING

It is always a sad time for me to have to communicate the passing away of a member of the organization to the group. I don't always personally know the departed being. As such I find it difficult to know what to say, if not provided with some sort of information. I do not want to offend any member of the group that had a personal relationship with the recently departed. Where I have had personal experience with the member, I'll make it known. When members go when their time comes that I had no personal connection with I find myself wordless. Regardless, the passing of a member of the group is always a sad time. Each and every member of the group is extremely important and the loss is a loss to all of us.

HARRIS SWEET

With great sadness it is announced to the membership of UPI, the passing of Harris Sweet from Hemet, CA. Harris joined the organization in March of 2001.

The following is from a note received from someone with a return address in Quartzsite, AZ:

AL DOWNEY

Al Downey, a long time member of UPI, passed away quietly on January 27th. Al spent his summers at Twain, CA and was always willing to take the time to help new members get started in the joy of finding gold. He also promoted UPI to everyone he met. He was well liked by everyone and will surely be missed.

We trust you both have found your peace.

More From Chapters

Auburn Chapter

We opened a new chapter last night in Auburn. There was a great turnout, 20 people. Charlie and Barbara Brown made the meeting, also Dennis from Pioneer Mining, and Don from Gold Mine store. We had 3 or more, new member sign ups.

The new chapter Chair is Mark Mc Daniels. Mark did a great job taking control of the meeting; he furnished some nice salt crystals for a contribution raffle. I think these guys will do well, they are already planning

the next meeting and we talked about doing a day trip up on the Bear River soon. We also talked about a beach trip



Vehicles lined up outside the old schoolhouse for the Hobbs presentation in 2004.

to "Sea Cliff State Park", just south of Santa Cruz this spring.

We have three new Chapters Chairs, and I have asked each chapter chair to report to you about the chapter meetings, what took place, pictures, plans, etc.

Next week Christa and I were invited to attend a Metal Detector group in Santa Clara Co. They are all interested in joining UPI and starting a chapter.

Tom Eastland

Vice President / Chapter Director

UPI Chapter (Santa Clara)

From: Michael Phillips [mailto:kitfoxchumash@yahoo.com]

Sent: Thursday, February 16, 2006 10:38 PM

Mike wrote: Tonight's meeting was a hit, we had a total of 32 interested members and they will be at our meeting on the 28th of February. We are all looking forward in meeting you. Our meeting will be held at the treasure hunter store at 1645 S Bascom Ave. Suite 9 in Campbell, CA, 95008

PLP President Intervenes on Behalf of Dredgers

Jerry Hobbs, president of Public Lands for the People, is taking action to prevent undue restrictions on miners utilizing suction dredges in California.

As reported in our January 2006 issue, the Karuk Tribe of California filed suit against the California Department of Fish & Game (DFG) to try to close several northern California rivers to suction dredgers. This followed the Karuk Tribe's loss in a similar lawsuit against the Forest Service. The Forest Service won utilizing some of the arguments Hobbs had made in Siskiyou Regional Education Project v. USFS. PLP attorney David Young assisted Hobbs in this case.

No known effort was made to notify the mining community of the latest lawsuit against DFG. Miners learned in December 2005 that DFG had agreed to place severe restrictions and outright ban dredging on several rivers in a deal with the Karuk's that was made behind closed doors. DFG made the new regulations effective November 30, 2005, calling them the 2005 Suction Dredge Regulations.

Jerry Hobbs has filed a request as a new party in the Karuk v. DFG case, and has a filed a separate and independent lawsuit against the DFG.

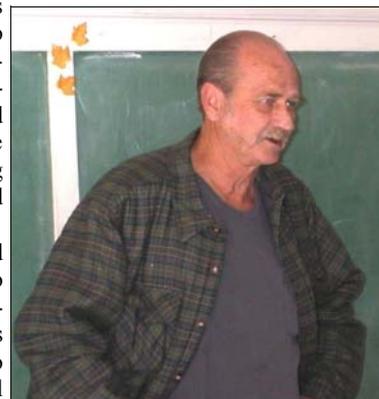
In his request to enter the case as a new party, Hobbs points out to the court that DFG failed to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the California Administrative Procedures Act by promulgating new regulations behind closed doors.

Hobbs' separate lawsuit, filed against DFG in Sacramento County, California, seeks an injunction to stop the new rules because of the agency's failure to complete a new Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and their failure to comply with CEQA.

According to Hobbs, the agency cannot disregard the prior EIR and institute new regulations without completing a new EIR unless the change is an emergency and imminent harm would occur without such action. Emergency closures are valid for only 160 days. DFG did not claim an emergency existed, and did not follow the procedures outlined for emergency regulations.

The previous EIR was completed in 1994. Hobbs is a member of the Ad Hoc Committee that promulgates dredging regulations, and he fully participated when the regulations were hashed out in 1994. By changing the regulations, and placing new and burdensome regulations on suction dredgers, DFG must have new information to warrant such restrictions. If new information is available, then a new Environmental Impact Report must be completed to incorporate this information. The agency did not notify Ad Hoc Committee members, nor the public, that new regulations were being crafted. (There apparently was a posting in the California

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Jerry Hobbs, President of PLP spoke at our 2004 Coulterville/Moccasin Creek outing.

items that we may be attracted to.

If you are really into detecting for whatever you may find on government land, USFS et al, you need to know that there are laws on the books that could lead you into big trouble with the "Antiquities Act," "job protection for high paid government archeologists." Connect up with Keith and his group so you have an understanding of what is out there to be aware of. It will help all of us.

Indians Strike Again

The following is a hand-copied letter from the **New 49'ers**. It was the only way I could do it because the files sent to me were too poor a quality to do an OCR scan. Additionally the entire letter is not being reproduced as the subject is partially covered by the ICMJ article on page 11. (Karuk Tribe at it again.)

Fellow Prospectors,

This letter is going out to all Siskiyou County claim holders that we could find. A serious situation has developed as a result of a lawsuit brought against the Calif. Dept. of Fish and Game by the Karuk Indian Tribe. We want to make sure that you, as a mining claim holder, know of this action because it will severely impact your ability to mine your claims. It may even prohibit you from dredging altogether!

At just about the same time that the Karuks lost their lawsuit in Federal Court last spring, suit to stop in-stream mining within Klamath National Forest, they quietly filed another lawsuit against the California Dept. of Fish and Game (DFG) to stop in stream mining within the Klamath National Forest.

According to the modified regulations which are now being sent out

by DFG, the Klamath, Scott and upper Salmon Rivers have been reduced to dredging seasons between 1 July through 15 September (that is a 37.5% seasonal reduction on the Klamath above Scott River, and is an 80% reduction downstream), and dredging has been eliminated along the lower Salmon River, Indian Creek, Elk Creek and other waterways. The notice can be found at the beginning of the DFG suction Dredge regulations, a copy which can either be obtained from DFG, or by visiting their website. All of this took place without a single notice to the thousands of people that will be negatively impacted by these changes!

Under the New 49'er banner our attorneys filed two legal brief in the case on 16 December. The primary brief is our Motion to Intervene in the ongoing litigation. Since that time multiple briefs have been filed by all sides. We are posting the briefs and updates concerning the case on our website at: www.goldgold.com/legal/karukvsdfg.htm

Our ability to come out on top is wholly dependant on raising the funds to continue paying the legal specialists on our side. Without people willing to finance the fight, miners will lose and this will set a dangerous precedent. Our legal bills for the first month of litigation were over \$12,000.00. We expect them to be even more this month. So we greatly need your help. Small contributions from each of the many people who have an interest in this will be enough to keep us in the fight.

You can send donations by mail to: The New 49'ers Legal Fund, P. o. Box 47, Happy Camp, CA 96039. There is also an option to make a donation by Pay Pal on our website at:

www.paypal.com/ - couldn't read the rest.

We thank you in advance for any assistance you can provide!
Sincerely,
Dave McCracken
Pres. New 49'ers



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GUIDEBOOK

The latest edition of the Member Guidebook is now available for download in the members only area of our website. It is in color, not grayscale.

There were a couple of missed items in the hurry-up that will be cleaned up in the next revision.

GUIDEBOOK ERRORS

Due to the unpredictability of Brenda's work schedule and her uncertainty about being able to attend the outings/Board Meetings Brenda resigned her Director position. Brenda later rescinded her resignation, after the first revision of the Guidebook went to the printer. Thus she is not in the current revision of the Guidebook.

Due to a number of factors on my end of responsibility, Christa Eastland also didn't find her way into the Guidebook as a newly elected Director. The following should cover until the next edition of the Guidebook is published, both of these omissions will be corrected in the next revision of the guidebook.

Outing Coordinator; Christa Eastland. I have been a member of

UPI for 5 years now, and I just love it. I have more fun at every outing and can't wait for the next one. All the friends my husband Tom and I have in this organization are truly the best. I enjoy the digging, and dredging, potlucks, and just hanging out around the campfire. I look forward to taking on the outing coordinator position, and I have a lot of ideas.

I do appreciate any suggestions for future outings. I will do whatever I can to make sure everyone has a good time. It is my pleasure to be your outing coordinator.

The way I see it, if you dig it, it's yours!

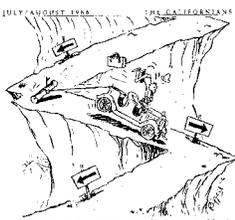


MOCCASIN CREEK OUTING

Those of you with big rigs with and the comforts of home may want to reserve a spot with full hook-ups at the Coulterville RV Park. Contact Frank at (209) 878-3988. There are also tent and small trailer spaces available.

I just realized that I may owe somebody out there a picture with me on the front page of the newsletter. Did any body bring blueberry cheese cake for the pre-Thanksgiving potluck? If you did, even though I was unable to attend the entire outing I owe you per a statement on page 11 of issue number 279. Let me know!

Bill



The old miner sez: Phew! Don dez peoplez ever give up. Why cain't dem jus leve a body be. I gez da moral o da story be ya gotta keep yer eyez an ears open alla time.

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Regulatory Notice Register, but this notification did not occur until after the new regulations took effect.)

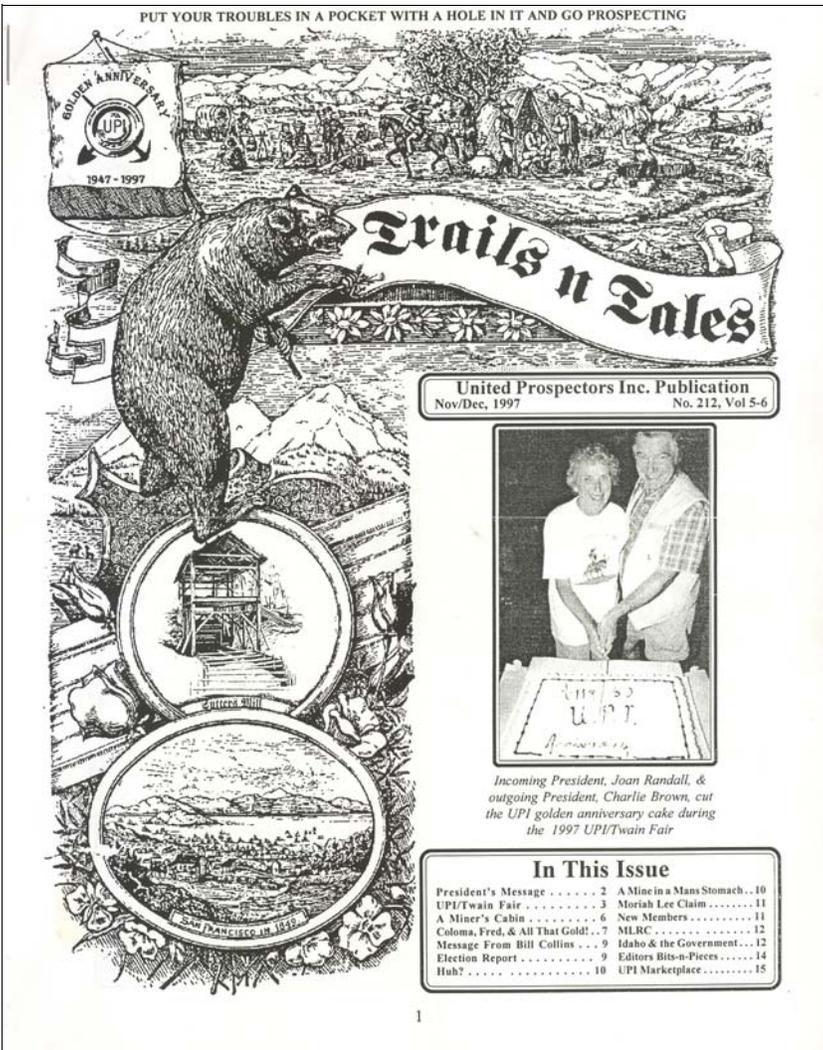
In summary, there are policies and procedures that must be followed before new rules can be promulgated. DFG did not follow these policies or procedures, as required by law. DFG struck a deal with the Karuk Tribe in private because the Karuk's filed a lawsuit against the agency. The public was denied an opportunity to participate in the rulemaking process. Hobbs is seeking an injunction to prevent Fish & Game from enforcing the 2005 Suction Dredge Regulations. ©ICMJ. Reprinted with permission. ICMJ's Prospecting and Mining Journal, February 2006, Vol.75, #6. www.icmj.com

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cate for the use of public lands for many different activities. One area they contribute a lot of time to is the mining community. The above case is not the only mining case they are involved in, there are a number. Being involved in these cases costs money. They have saved the bacon for the mining community a number of different times.

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OUT OF THE PAST

From the July/August 1980 issue

“Things Seen Whilst Travelin’”

DRY WASHIN FER GOLD

We took a few munuts ease after Death Valley an injoyed ourselves som'at, jes lollygaggin' an lazin around but likes any thing else it gets mitey tiresum and kinda loses its flavur. We didn't hav a care in the world, but that ole spur was diggin at our craw to get bak in the swing of things and go back to the hills go lookin' again, an the ich was jes too strong.

Whilst sittin on the stoop one evening, Silent allowed as how he'd been afiggerin oa idée, a new way to dry wash. Since I on'y knowed on way I shore kint see how any body could do it somehow else, but I dint say nuthin. I jist tle Silent that we'd aughta git started cuz we seemed to be all used up in the rest department.

We wuz paked an hedin out in no time atall. Corse since burros is slow we didn't mind cause we wuz on the move agin.

After the best part of too weeks we come into the Colordy Desert. It wuz a Certainty that nobody were ever gonna wet pan any where neer heer.

We made camp near tha bottom uv som mountins an after wat passed fer supper, I ast Silent how com, now that we wuz heer that we hardly had no tools, he said thet wuz cuz we wuz gonna prospeck sted uv pannin. Puzzlement was writ on ma face, I Inows, but I seed thet Silent weren't gonna splain, so I dint chase thet thot no further.

Nex' morning we struck out frum camp on foot packin a pik an shuvel. I never went dry washin theta wa afore in ma hole life an I wuz so all fired curius I cudn't hardly keep ma mouth shet.

Afore long we stopped at a deep gulch. I looked over at him astandin thar in tha hot sun an wunnered if the heat has gor 'im. Whilst I wuz astandin astrokin ma chin whiskers, as usual I do wen I'm a ponderin sumpin, Silent looked over ma face, cuz he said he'd splain it all later, but rite now it wuz time fer werk.

The idée it seemed ta me wuz fer me to throo a bunch uv roks an bolders down in the gulch an lace dirt ans sich atween'em, an keep this up til mabe fore feet frum the top uv the ground.

Wen Silent tole me thet were all there were to it, I near fainted. I knowed fer sure thet Silent had gon loco on me an

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Above: A copy of the front page of Jerry Bowen's UPI newsletter in 1997. Pretty nifty and well done. The two people pictured are past Presidents of UPI. On the left is Joan Randall, and right, is Charlie Brown.



The old miner sez: Cain't speak fer you, but me getten caben fever. Me needs ta get way frum this dang puter an be in da woods an get sum fresh air.





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Nov. 10, 11 & 12: Coulterville 7th annual Pre-Thanksgiving. Board meeting at 9:00 AM Saturday, 11/1.

(Continued from page 14) Drywashing!

had los alla his marbles. I knowed fer sure that I'd lost ma on'y bes' frend. So I ast him rite out ifin he wanted ta go bak to camp an rest up outta tha sun. He got maddern hell bout that, sos I knowed he wuz alrite. Then he set down an tuk out a paper an made a map uv this here gulch an tha area round bout it.

We filled in alla the deep gulches in tha hole danged county thar an marked em on tha map. Wen we were fin'ly all dun, Silent tole me how his idee wuz gonna work. I wuz shore sprised. Well sir we paked up an hedded bak fer civilazashun. Wen the fall Season come on we hedded bak to the gulches. Wat a sprize, them dams got filt rite up ta tha tops with dirt an sich, from tha summer flash fluds.

We dug rite into alla thim and found color in ever one a them. Wen the color wuz hevvy, we chased that gulch bak up ta tha mountin an lo-

cated whar it be comin from an staked it all out. We ended up with 3 rite fine looking prospeks an after goin inna them, we foun that thay wuz firs' rate clames. We worked them clames fer a spel an then headed bak to peepul agin whar we sole out to a syndukate.

I shore gotta han it ta ole Silent fer thinking up dammen up dry washes lik thet. It shore makes prospeckin lots ezier an mor relaxin, ta say nuthin bout how innerestin it allus were ta prospeck with Silent.

I reckon yore awunderin how com Silent never got rich afore he met up with me? Wal I reckon it wuz acuz alla tha other sourdoughs he com across wuz to smart ta see the horse sense ta Silent's thinking an figgerin so thay turnt him down, thinking he wuz teched in tha hed, er mabe it were too dang quite fer them.

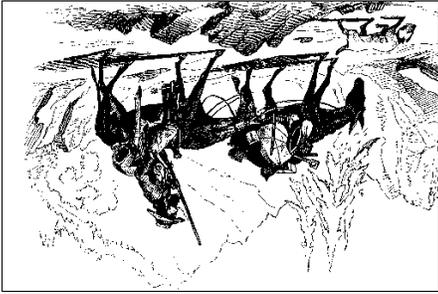
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