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***UPI Season  
Opens at Oxbow,  
April 3 & 4 !!***

***Guidebook Editor Working Ox-  
bow With Homemade  
Power Sluice  
April of 2003***

***Put your troubles in a pocket with a  
hole in it and go prospecting!***



# UNITED PROSPECTORS INC.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Daniel Short Jr.  
March/April 2004

### MARCH-APRIL PRESIDENT MESSAGE

The Oxbow outing is just around the corner, April 3 & 4. There was quite a turnout last year, and we expect the same this year. There was lots of gold found there last year, and there is more to be found. There should be plenty of camping on the lower campground this year, and there is an overflow area up on the ridge. There are new restrooms at the site also. Make sure you have your campfire permit for your stoves and campfires.

We will have a horseshoe-pitching contest, if we get enough people to sign up. There will be prizes for first, second and third. The entry fee will be \$2.00. This will be held on Saturday afternoon.

We will be releasing four new claims this year, probably around July. They total about 500 acres. These additions to our inventory will almost double our claims acreage. With this addition, we will have over 1300 acres to go mining on. How's that to start your year out with. So make sure you get your renewal for your membership in early so you can enjoy these new claims. See you at Oxbow.

Your Pres.  
Daniel Short Jr.

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**OXBOW LAST YEAR!** *Below left:* President, Dan Short w/members in back.  
*Below right:* Editor/Publisher, Bill Reboin and his faithful hound Samantha



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#### Partial Outing Schedule

**April 3 & 4: Oxbow**, open mining area on the American River  
**June 5 & 6: Bull Creek**, be sure to file Notice of Intent if dredging.  
**July 1 thru 4: Twain**, this is a Memorial outing in memory of Joan Randall.  
**July 31 & Aug. 1: Genesee**, this could prove exiting.  
**Aug. 27, 28 & 29:** Location to be announced.

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**Next meeting Sept. 26 at 7:00pm**



***The old miner sez:*** Well it look like it be gettin ta Bush wackin an Kerry wackin time. Ya thenk ya kin put up with it till 'vember.? Yikes! Got better thins ta do like prospeckin.



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## No Meeting Held

**From:** WESTERN SLOPE NO-FEE COALITION  
February 6, 2004  
**Subject -** Adventure Pass Conviction

### ***Man found guilty of walking in forest without paying \$5 recreational fee.***

United States District Court Magistrate Judge Jennifer T. Lum found Mr. Robert Bartsch guilty of engaging in a recreational activity within the San Bernardino National Forest without paying the \$5 recreational fee known as the Adventure Pass. According to Forest Officer Nathan Judy, the car belonging to Mr. Bartsch was parked near the San Antonio Canyon Falls Road August 17, 2003 and was not displaying the Pass.

The defendant admitted that he had hiked to the top of San Antonio Peak (Mt. Baldy). This infraction is punishable by a maximum \$100 fine, with no possibility of jail time. The Forest Service has admitted that they have written over 200,000 Notices of Non Compliance (within the 4 Southern California National Forests) to defiant forest visitors since the inception of the fee program in 1997. Mr. Bartsch has had 6 previous Forest Service citations dismissed and claims he has been singled out for persecution because he distributes information against this program to forest visitors.

Mr. Bartsch is the second person successfully prosecuted by the Forest Service here in Southern California for failing to comply. Mr. Terry Dahl of Santa Barbara was found guilty of not paying the fee January 9, 2001 by U. S. District Court Judge Christina A. Snyder and was instructed to pay restitution of \$5 on the last one of 11 Notices of Non Compliance plus a court fee of \$10.

The Adventure Pass is part of the nation wide Recreational Fee Demonstration Program which was passed as rider on the Appropriations Bill in 1996. This program has just been extended September 2003 by another rider on the appropriations bill for the fifth time by congress and is now scheduled to end January 1, 2006.

The United States Government waived the \$100 fine. Magistrate Jennifer Lum did sentence Mr. Bartsch to three months probation with the stipulation that he stay out of the forest for that period of time and a \$10 court cost. This verdict will be appealed.

Mr. Bartsch made the following statement to the court:  
February 5, 2004

Your Honor:

I am not guilty of doing anything immoral or wrong. If this test program (which is responsible for me being here in court today) becomes permanent law, we will be barred from all of our public lands without a permit everywhere within this country. This will essentially take away a very important part of our freedom so that it can be sold back to us at "FAIR MARKET VALUE". There is no limit as to what we can be charged.

Without a doubt, the vast majority of Americans will agree, that we will have lost a very important part of our freedom if we must have a permit to simply go for a walk in our forest. Our public lands belong to all citizens of this country, rich and poor, not just those who can afford to buy a permit to leave the city. It looks to me as if America has become a hypocrisy, our government brags to the rest of the world how wonderful our freedom is and at the same time they are taking away our birthright to walk on our own public lands. I really do believe that this is a sad day in the history of our country.

Your honor, I am 64 years old and the best years of my life are over.

If I cannot continue to pursue freedom the way that our forefathers intended, you may as well lock me in prison. I refuse to pay any monetary fine that you impose on me or serve community service as a penalty.

There is only one way that I can prove to this court, the Forest Service and our lawmakers that there are still many millions of Americans who believe in and cherish the principles of freedom that our forefathers fought and died for. I am unwilling to compromise those principles and for this reason, I will serve the time in prison rather than pay the \$100 fine. There is no other way that I can protest this totally corrupt un-American test program that was fostered by corporate America to benefit corporate America. I will appeal this guilty verdict.

End of statement

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WSNFC Note: THERE HAVE BEEN AT LEAST 28 CONVICTIONS IN COLORADO SO FAR.



These Park Rangers, Saint Elias National Park, in Alaska look more like members of a SWAT Team. Note the side arms and the CA illegal pistol grip shot gun in the backpack.

*Picture from ALRA website. Wrangell-St. Elias News*

## REMINDERS

1. Please **remember** not to toss your Guidebook at the end of the season. It will be continually updated via the newsletter.
2. **Remember** to get your campfire permit before heading out into the woods.
3. **Remember** to make any change in your e-mail address known to Linda Doyle, Membership. We use this medium for emergencies.
4. **Remember** to renew your membership on time so you don't miss out on any newsletters and any important information regarding outings.
5. **Remember** if you have a news event you are invited to contact the Editor-in-Chief/Publisher.

## NEW MEMBERS AND RENEWING MEMBERSHIPS

*This section is devoted to acknowledging and welcoming all members, new, and those renewing!*

Here is a list of those members who have joined or renewed since mid-January of 2004. If we haven't said it before, welcome aboard.

As of 3/10/2004 information

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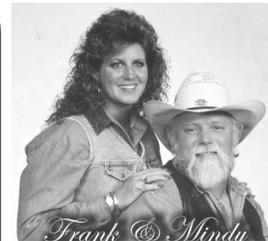
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During the birth of our country land was called the "National Public Domain". This meant the land had not been proceed into private ownership, but could be acquired by a very simple process (land patent) and was open to the public for development.

At one time nearly 80% of this nation was available to be purchased by private citizens. In 1780 the first Federal (Federal being defined as centralized) government public domain was created when the State of New York gave up its rights to claim lands west of the Appalachian. By 1802 all of the original colonies (i. e....states) also yielded their rights to claims on lands west of the Appalachian to a fast growing Federal Government. This is where the tail starts to wage the dog. This was the beginning of the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management" (BLM) as we see it today.



### Two hundred years later what can we do?

This is where things start to change from land that belonged to us all "We the People" to land that is protected from all of us "We the People". By 1812 Congress established the General Land Office and later combined it with the United States Grazing Service, which together make up present day Bureau of Land Management (BLM). Remember public domain was land that was never moved into private ownership and was reserved for the people. "The Bill of Rights" was declared to be in force December 15, 1791. The 10<sup>TH</sup> Amendment said, "The powers not delegated to the United States by The Constitution, nor prohibited by it to the states, are reserved to the states respectively or to the people". The "U.S. Constitution", was and still is a restriction on the Federal Government being used against the people, evident also by separation of powers. Checks and balances were in placed to stop it's abuse of "We the People". As you can see two hundred years ago the safeguards were in place. What happened to change all of protections that were placed to preserve our posterity?

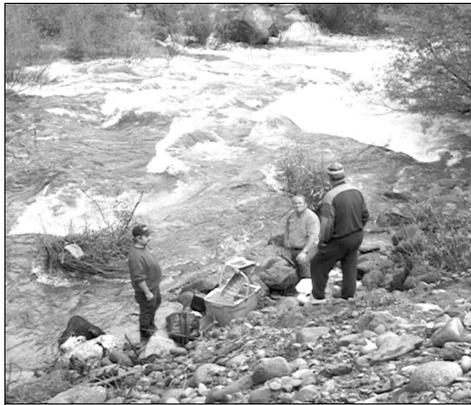
Some think we fell asleep and a thief stole the blessings of liberty in the night. Some may think that this is true, but the true price of liberty is the cost of eternal vigilance. Well maybe we are down but we are not out.

Believe it or not the greatest protector of this national public domain was and still is our U.S. Congress. Our U.S. Congress enacted thousands of laws to protect our national public domain. These laws, like the strings in the fairy tale story of "Gulliver's Travels" tied down the abusive Federal Government bureaucrats from getting loose and attacking our rights. Thru the years that followed, a "New Era of Public Land Management" weakened the strings.

The mining law of 1872 "codified in 30 U.S.C. & 26; Shumway, 199

f.3d at 1099" had very few restrictions on the miners that were serious about the minerals that were claimed. Other acts of congress started to loosen the giant Federal government (bureaucrats) from the rope restraints that guarded our liberty and rights were gradually weakened by legislative mandate. They (bureaucrats) became aware of the weaknesses of the rope tie down system had (laws). Slipping those bonds they (bureaucrats) started to rewrite laws from a different perspective, on a more social agenda, if you know what I mean. In 1955 under the unassuming title of the Surface Resources and Multiple Use Act, notice that this is an act, like a scene in a movie, an assault was started. They (bureaucrats) were looking for a weak spot to cut the restraints and loosen the arm of the federal government. The ropes were stressed and got loose, but the ropes now weakened held. Nearly ten years later the cry to invade liberty and rights was once again heard. A commission in 1964 studied the knots in the ropes of liberty that restrained federal government. These knots were found to be laws written by congress. For nearly 200 years these were the restraints that worked to stop the abuse of the federal government, now the laws would change for the greater good of the people. There are some 2,669 laws that still have some bearing on the administration of the public lands. Then it happened on October 21, 1976 the last day of the 94<sup>th</sup> Congress was in session. While the country celebrated the 200<sup>th</sup> year of its birth the enemy within struck it's blow on our liberty. In the closing hour of that session the destruction of the "Bill Of Rights" was nearly completed. The passing into existence the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 was complete and authority was given to the U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Land Management, a new era for public land management began. Only two hundred years after our "Declaration of Independence", we have come full circle. From surfs on the land begging and pleading to the King of England for mercy to a kind of American surf where the federal bureaucrats control the very claim we work. While in

the pursuit of Life, Liberty and Happiness we forgot to watch our backside. It's these people who are not elected, but appointed by those who are elected that use the offices to promote their views. The appointed



bureaucrats have an agenda and thru internal policy (not Law) they are interpreting what they want to have accomplished. They (bureaucrats) are after the only resource we have that controls the wealth of the nation: Our raw materials that we attempt to work out of the ground. At this time congress has no will to take control of this problem so we will have to work within the restraints of policy whether we like it or not, we simply have no choice. We must launch an organized cam-

paign at this time to get to know our elected officials by name and the way they vote. Watch for the next issue for more insight.

### Parallels

The Editor/Publisher invites you to look at the parallels of the above article and the article that appears in Potpourri, page 9. Mind you there was no collaboration between the authors of the two articles. Both articles were written from different sources of information. Yes both authors enjoy doing what UPI has to offer, and yes we both feel that we have a sort of revolution brewing.

The bottom line folks is this: If you like doing what UPI likes doing and you want to continue doing it, you need to become more than a spectator. You need to become a doer, and forget about just reaping the benefits. Get politically active before you lose your rights!

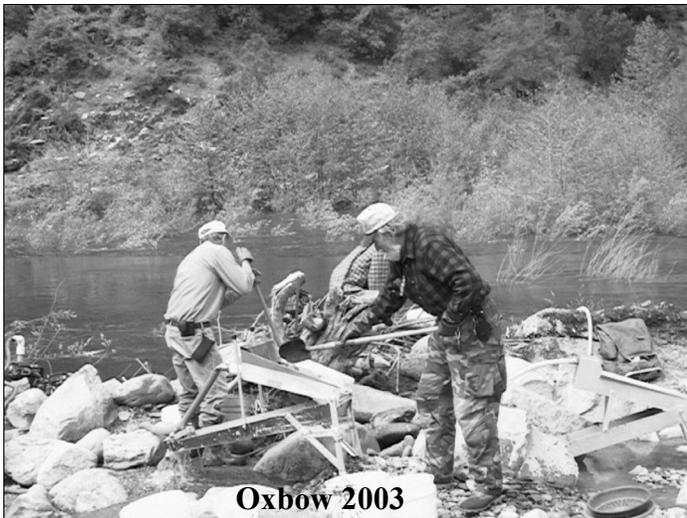
# NEW POSSIBILITY! DO MEMBERS CARE?

In issue 264 of this newsletter, page 7 of the last issue published, the Editor-in-Chief/Publisher asked for member input regarding putting the newsletter on the website for you to download. This would save printing and mailing costs, and leave more dollars for expanding the club. There were seven (7) responses in the affirmative, and none in the negative. Well over the majority vote requirement to implement. **IS THIS WHAT YOU WANT?**

From the response received the Ed/Pub would have to perceive that the bulk of the UPI membership didn't receive the newsletter, which is nonsense considering it is mailed first class. The second thought is that the membership doesn't read the newsletter. This can be believed to a small degree by phone calls and e-mails received concerning what is going on.

The newsletter is the communication line between the members and the board. How are we as a Board to know what the membership wants if the membership doesn't communicate? Is one to perceive that the newsletter is something that the members don't want?

I'm not looking for a pat on the back, a well done or anything like that here. I'm wanting the membership to get involved. You are a member, be an active member, not a spectator! Be a doer. Be cause, not effect! This is the only way we can expand and prosper in what we enjoy doing. With all of those Wackos out there that don't want to see us doing what we are doing, if you don't take the position of cause point, we all may end up being effect point. Things don't just happen, people make them happen. Just watch the crap coming down the shoot from the liberals and the conservatives the next few months if you disagree with what is being said here. Cause/effect in motion, not that the constant political rhetoric is agreed with.

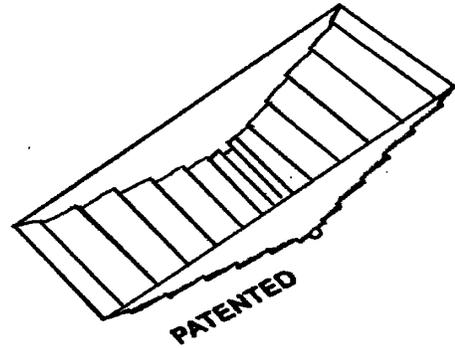


## On the positive side! Member Response

A really nice letter was received from member Rex Miller. Rex and his son Cody are regulars at the UPI outings, and reside in Patterson, CA. Recently Cody, an 8th grader, and his class, were assigned a school class project of producing a report on "Gold as an Element."

Needless to say as a novice miner having experienced what it takes to extract Au from Mother Earth, Cody was thrilled. Cody's report, of

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which I have a copy of, contained a brief history of gold and its effects on individuals and civilizations, and its scientific properties. I think it was well done and creative.

Cody's Bibliography page, page five of his report, references UPI newsletter issue number 239, May 2001, Oxbow. Page 4 of his report also depicts a copy of a UPI newsletter along with various mining tools and implements sitting on a table or other flat surface. How wonderful, and isn't it amazing that our first outing this year is at Oxbow. Me thinks that Cody has us figured out, and will probably end up being a UPI Life Member.

On page 10 of this publication please find pages 1 & 2 of Cody's report. These two pages are the ones that I think will reproduce best for insertion into the newsletter.

Thanks guys!  
Ed/Pub



# POTPOURRI

## MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS OF INTEREST©

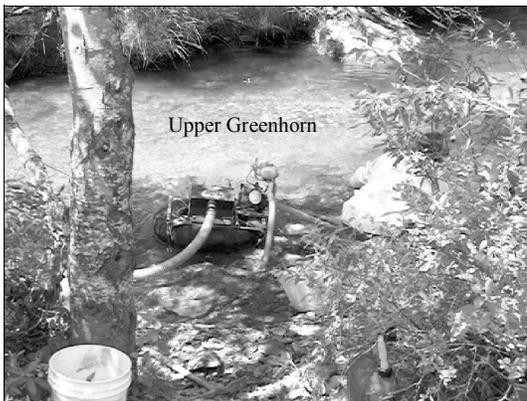
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*Some may like it, some may not. I hope it starts you thinking, taking responsibility, and enjoying life and livingness.*

### REMEMBER THE RAFTERS? BOXER BILL REVIVED

One would have to guess that those of you that attended the Oxbow outing in the spring of 2002 must remember the rafters. If you don't here is a little refresher that will help you. It will also fill those in that weren't there so they will have some basis for the following story:

We had quite a turnout for that outing so we pretty well had the camping area filled up. We were having our board meeting when these vanloads of rafters started coming in, commercial raft trips. We had left the ramp area open, but the selection of our meeting place infringed a bit on ramp ingress/egress.



One has to remember that Oxbow is a public access area open to all and all kinds of legitimate activities. One also has to remember that there is such a thing as common courtesy, and that we are sentient beings and thus able to perceive and communicate.

As we were there, some myself included, several days before the rafters arrived, and were in the process of a function, one would think that a representative of the rafters would have had the courtesy to politely let us know that they needed more access room to the launch area. Rather than doing this they just began walking through our meeting, dragging their equipment through, screaming and yelling and being generally disruptive and discourteous like we didn't exist. **This is important:** Oxbow is an open public area. Nobody, no group, no commercial interest, has precedence. Just because these people, the rafters, paid some commercial interest to take them down the river in a raft does not give them special license to do as they please. What happened to common courtesy? The great bunch of great people that we are we moved out of their way. However they didn't bother to return the courtesy and try and keep their noise down so we could continue our meeting without their disturbance.

For the continuity of this article it is also important to know that this was not the first and only encounter with rafters. The first encounter was with rafters that paid for their trip down stream at the end of the run. The run begins at Oxbow and ends at Ruck-a-Chucky. The attitude there was the same. I paid for my trip; I own this piece of ground I'm standing on. The off loading site is also public land open to all users.



Bill Reboin, Ed/Pub and his pooch Samantha.

What's the point of all of this? Why the rafter bashing? In the March 6, 2004 final edition of the Sacramento Bee, the only major daily newspaper in the area, and a newspaper that is tilted extremely liberal has a six (6) column headline, "River enthusiasts lobby for wilderness plan." The sub headline "The Californians are making face-to-face pitches in D.C. for Boxer's legislation."

Who are the celebrities? None other than the two California legislators bent on closing off California to all but the rich and famous, Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer. Both Democrats, that desire to see the public land locked away for what both of them perceive as in the best interest of the public. Who are the enthusiasts? "The Californians", in the article, are three commercial rafting outfits that make their living-taking rafters down a wild river on a "thrill ride." One from Angels Camp, one from Humboldt County and one that claims to be the biggest outfitter for the Merced and Tuolumne Rivers. (All California outfitters) The other party involved is from the Fresno office of Friends of the River. I have an experience with this group as well, though not the Fresno office that I'll publish one of these days. Certain of their activities observed were certainly not friendly, and were detrimental to the environment.

Remember the "Boxer Bill" we followed it for a while and it then took a nap? Well here we go again, it's awake again. I forgot the name of the bill, none-the-less it is something that is not needed. We already have millions of acres tied up in Wilderness and many miles of Wild and Scenic River in California. The original "Boxer Bill" would have designated an additional 440 miles of rivers and 2.5 million more acres as wild and scenic and wilderness in California. Current activity has been diluted down about 85%.

What does that mean to miners even though its been diluted? Miners still can't touch it except by foot and pan. No motorized equipment, though it's permissible to go in by horse or mule back. Even though it is watered down the math says, direct percentages, 66 more miles of rivers shut down, and 375,000 more acres of land shut down to all but



those types of activities that the environmental Wackos proclaim non-deleterious. Doing the math again you might say that this isn't much. If math serves right and they get this through, they manage to get 100% of what they want through. Then they go to the next increment.

The Rafters! What are they up to? Simple. They want the river to themselves. The same goes for Friends of the River. They would go insane if there happened to be a dredger in their way, or if a sluice operator built a temporary dam to feed water through their sluice. Or heaven forbid a power sluicer rearranging some

river gravels that fall within the normal high water line. These people/groups, names and places can be supplied on request, have been having

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