

April 6, 1936

Mr. V. B. Stanbery
State Planning Board
811 Spalding Building
Portland, Oregon

Dear Mr. Stanbery:

I received your letter of April 3rd with enclosed petition from residents of Curry County in regard to the mud that has washed into the Rogue River from mining interests along the stream.

This is very detrimental to fish and fishing and is another of those problems where the use of public waters in one way is destructive to the use in some other way.

As far as my investigation goes, I do not find that we have any legal method of stopping the mining. The only suggestion I have is that some one down there might take the matter up with the miners and see if they would be willing to stop muddying the waters at certain seasons of the year. It would be of some value if some one could get the information as to how much wealth was produced by mining interests along the Rogue River.

Sincerely yours,

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April 3, 1936

Mr. W. L. Finley, Chairman
Committee on Wild Life,
Route 10,
Portland, Oregon.

Dear Mr. Finley:

The State Planning Board at its meeting in Eugene, Oregon, March 21, 1936, discussed the enclosed petition signed by ³⁹A residents of Curry County, concerning the pollution of the Rogue River and its tributaries by mining.

I was instructed to send a copy of the resolution to you as chairman of the Board's Advisory Committee on Wild Life, for your consideration and report to the Board at its next meeting which will be held in Portland the latter part of April.

Other Advisory Committees of the Board, which are also being asked for their recommendations on this subject are:

Committees on - Rogue River Development
Mineral Resources
Fisheries
Stream Purification
Forestry

Any suggestions or comments which you may care to make on this resolution will be appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

V. B. Stanbery
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Executive Secretary

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cc: Mr. Bean
Mr. Buck
Dr. Parsons

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Gold Beach, Oregon
March 18, 1936

Professor Philip A. Parsons
The State Hanning Board,
Eugene, Oregon

We believe action on the following plea can be had at the forthcoming conference in Eugene and forward this testimonial, regretting that we cannot personally attend to present the matter orally:

We, the undersigned business men of Gold Beach, desire immediate and permanent restraint of the pollution by mining of the Rogue River and its tributaries.

Our desire is not selfish. The burden of technical proof of this detriment should not rest with us. We know that the Rogue River has for several months been teeming with salmon. We know that placer mining muddies the stream. We know that the salmon cannot see the lures in the muddied waters. This condition deprives anglers of sport, people their food, fish their natural life, and destroys material pleasures and profit to a vast community. We who live here cannot have fresh Spring salmon to eat, we cannot enjoy angling for them nor can we attract other anglers to the stream when it is filthy with suspended mud.

We feel that Oregon can as easily and amicably find a solution to this problem as California has done and we urge that now, after years of dilation, adequate action be now taken.