



PUBLIC LANDS FOR THE **PEOPLE Inc.**

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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NAME (Please Print) _____

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MEMBERSHIP:

☐ NEW ☐ RENEWING

Please accept my enrollment as a member of **PLP**. Enclosed is my annual dues donation of _____. I will receive a membership card, updated orange CHALLENGE Card, updated green Federal Forest land access challenge card and be counted ***IN*** the fight to take back our rights.

Add \$5.00 to your order to cover shipping costs and we'll ship you a free PLP T-shirt!

T-Shirt Size (Circle one) Medium Large X-Large XX-Large XXX-Large

I've enclosed an additional donation of _____ to help keep our Public Lands open.

Any Club or Business Affiliations? _____

I would be willing to help with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Letter Writing to Govt. Agencies | <input type="checkbox"/> Serving on the Board of Directors | <input type="checkbox"/> Network with other user groups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attending USFS & BLM Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> PLP Club Liaison | <input type="checkbox"/> Social Media |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PLP Special Projects | <input type="checkbox"/> Fund Raising | <input type="checkbox"/> PLP Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Legal research | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | |

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Reclamation Suction Dredger Wins in Siskiyou County, California Court!

Hello Friends!

Public Lands for the People (PLP) is pleased to report that PLP member and reclamation suction dredger Tucker Clements has won his case against the CA Dept. of Fish & Wildlife in the form of a court signed dismissal dated April 17th, 2025. To see it click here: [Tucker-Clements-Dredge-Case-2025.pdf](#) Tucker's case started in the middle of Summer 2024, when Tucker was performing suction dredge reclamation on the Salmon River in Northern California. As a member of PLP, Tucker was following the PLP guide card instructing him and his partner how to clean the waterway without the need for any state of California permit. After dredging for over a month Tucker had a confrontation with a local uninformed environmental terrorist that called out a Fish & Wildlife warden. While Tucker discussed matters with the warden on the river, the activist at the same time unlawfully exacted physical damage to Tucker's vehicle by busting out all his windows – then later tried to run Tucker off the highway and telling him to leave the area. After the dust settled the activist had a police record (issued for an investigation on his violence) and Tucker had a ticket from the warden for dredging within 300' of a California waterway in violation of alleged CA Fish & Game section 5653(d). We note here that the Department of Fish & Wildlife has previously obtained many convictions over the last decade on this very 5653(d) charge against suction dredge miners until now. Tucker contacted PLP and explained the situation. PLP's legal researcher explained that he will need to file a motion to dismiss after his arraignment using 2 of the documents referenced in the PLP guide card. At the arraignment, Tucker asked the court when he could file for dismissal of the charges. Then using the documents from the PLP guide card Tucker submitted this evidence of his compliance to the court and the District Attorney (DA). The DA, realizing Tucker had in fact complied with the law, motioned the court to sign the dismissal of the case. PLP has learned the Dept. of Fish & Wildlife was still pushing on the DA to prosecute even after the DA previously told the Dept. that in light of the Sierra County Superior court case in 2019 in the People of California v. Osterbrink (another PLP court win), that the department does not have a case against these dredgers. The DA looked at the law and found that the defendant was innocent and so did the Superior court judge. Due to this new precedent set by Tucker Clements case, PLP believes the CA Department of Fish & Wildlife no longer has standing to cite PLP members following our dredge guide card instructions for alleged violations of any sections of 5653. PLP urges its members to contact the county DA's office where they are dredging at the first sign that a warden threatens citation. The county DA has the power to tell wardens to stand down based on case law if the Sacramento office of Fish & Wildlife does not. Looking forward, Tucker has asked the warden for the return of his dredge motor. If it is returned promptly and undamaged, then Tucker will forgo a small claims damage lawsuit against the warden. Tucker and his partner believe, and PLP agrees, that a small claims civil suit against the warden may be in order. The reason? Number 1: It is our belief that wardens need to be trained on the exemptions within the Fish & Wildlife dredging regulations. Number 2: The wardens should read the paperwork of the reclamation dredger and his log sheet. And number 3: the wardens should be more respectful of those earning a living and not be so quick to dismiss legal paperwork proving the person's compliance with the law. PLP is very appreciative of Tuckers professionalism, and while this case further proves the success of PLP's guide cards, it is not a reason to cut corners and just suction dredge mine and not do the reclamation. Mining alone without cleaning the waterway is a good way to have the state pass another law kicking us out of the water. So do your part, do it right and keep reclamation dredging RESPONSIBLY!