

## **GOLD PANNING INFORMATION**

36 CFR - Sec. 7.91 Whiskeytown Unit, Whiskeytown-Shasta-Trinity National Recreation Area.

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- d) Gold Panning. (1) as used in this section, the term "gold panning" means the attempted or actual removal of gold from a stream by using either a metal or plastic gold pan and a trowel, spoon or other digging implement having a blade surface not exceeding 4 inches wide and 8 inches long.
- (2)(i) Unless otherwise designated by the Superintendent, gold panning is allowed on all streams. Streams, or portions thereof, that were designated closed to gold panning are marked on a map available for public inspection at the office of the Superintendent, or by the posting of signs, or both.
- (ii) Prior to engaging in gold panning, a person shall register with, and pay a special recreation permit fee to, the Superintendent. The Superintendent shall establish the special recreation permit fee in accordance with regulations in part 71 of this chapter.
- (iii) A person may possess gold obtained by that person through authorized gold panning and may remove from the Unit, for personal use only, any amount of gold so obtained.

## (3) The following are prohibited:

- (i) Engaging in any method of gold panning including, but not limited to, the use of suction, a crevice cleaner, screen separator, view box, sluice box, rocker, dredge or any other mechanical or hydraulic device, or skin diving equipment such as a snorkel, mask, or wetsuit.
- (ii) Using any toxic substance or chemical, including mercury, in gold panning activities.
- (iii) Conducting gold panning outside the confines of existing stream water levels, or digging into a stream bank, or digging that results in the disturbance of the ground surface or the undermining of any vegetation, historic feature or bridge abutment.
- (iv) Sale or commercial use of any mineral recovered by any person involved in gold panning.