



Recreational Gold Prospecting & Suction Dredging at Sixes River Recreation Site

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Welcome to Sixes River Recreation Site: The Sixes River has attracted gold miners for many years dating back to the mid-1850s when Jake Summers first discovered gold in the area below the mouth of the South Fork of the Sixes River. In 1965 the Recreation Site was established and the area was withdrawn from mining claims. Today, Sixes River Recreation Site is open to recreational mining and gold prospecting including panning, sluicing and suction dredging.

Non-motorized equipment such as panning and sluicing: Up to one cubic yard of material per year can be processed using non-motorized methods according to the following rules and regulations:

- Non-motorized operations are allowed year round, except mining is prohibited if fish eggs are present.
- Non-motorized operations, **except panning**, are required to obtain the General NPDES 700-PM permit on-site at all times during operation from Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) (503) 229-5696.

Motorized equipment such as suction dredging, sluicing, and rocker boxes: Up to 25 cubic yards of material per year can be processed using motorized methods according to the following rules and regulations:

- Motorized operations are only allowed during the in-water work period established by Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife on the Sixes River from July 15 through September 30.
- Must have a General Authorization permit on-site at all times during operation from Oregon Department of State Lands (503) 986-5200.
- Must have a General NPDES 700-PM permit from Oregon DEQ (503) 229-5696.

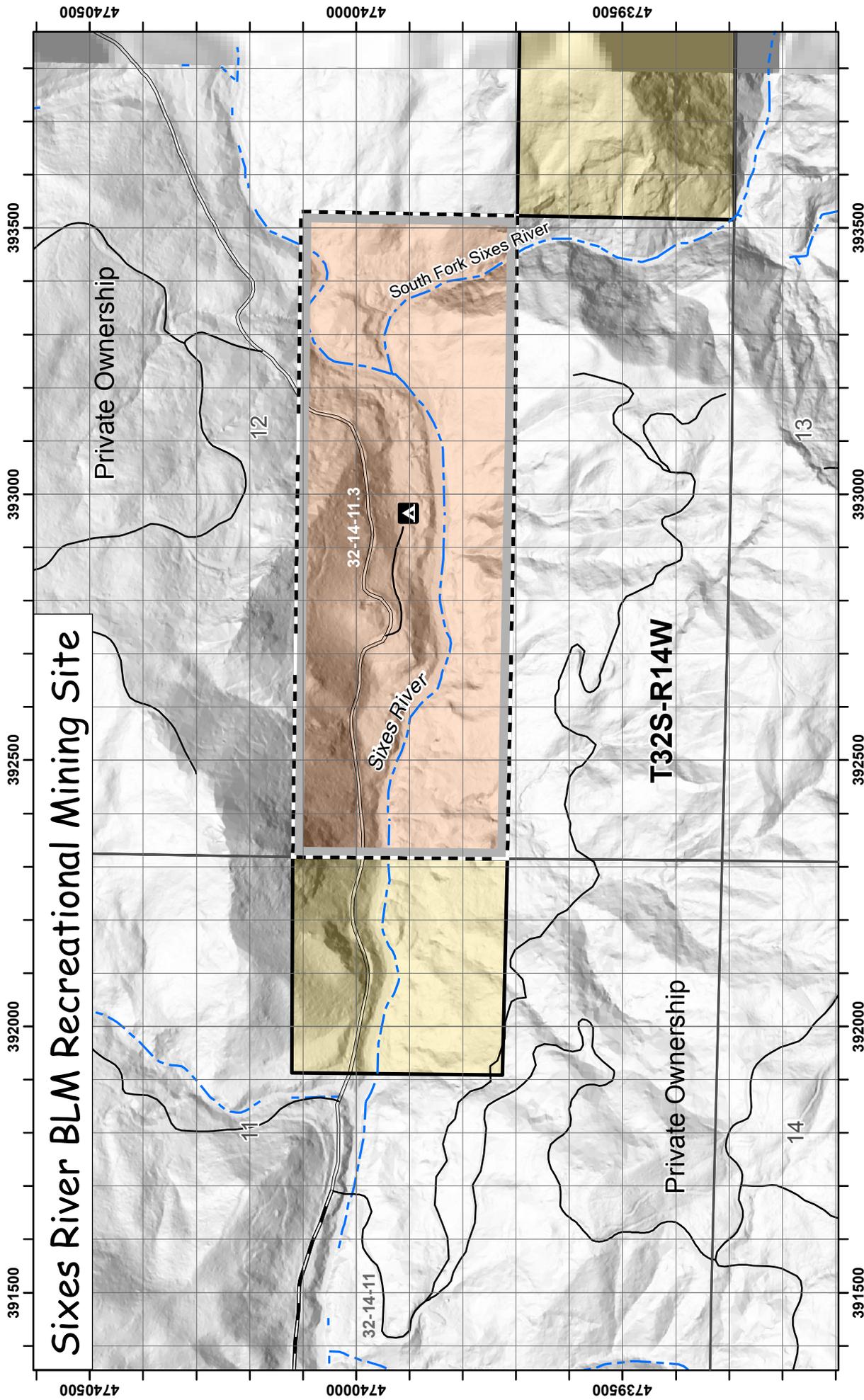
Bureau of Land Management Supplementary Rules: In addition to the rules set forth under the above required permits, the Bureau of Land Management, Coos Bay District has established supplementary rules to regulate recreational placer mining activities at Sixes River Recreation Site to ensure consistency with Oregon State rules and regulations governing placer mining activities and enhance recreational opportunities and protect public resources.

The following acts are prohibited:

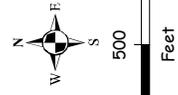
- Sluicing or dredging in streambed without the required permit(s) issued by the appropriate State Agencies.
- Operating a dredge rated over 10 horsepower or having an intake suction hose over four inches in diameter.
- Excavating and processing materials outside the existing wet perimeter. "Wet perimeter" as defined in State rules is that area of the streambed which is under water or exposed as a non-vegetated gravel bar surrounded on all sides by actively moving water at the time the mining activity occurs.
- Impounding of water or excavating to extend the natural wet perimeter existing at the time mining activity occurs.
- Removing, disturbing or excavating of any soil or vegetation within the area outside of the wet perimeter.

Supplementary Information: Authority for the establishment of these Supplementary Rules for the Sixes River Recreation Site and Prohibited Acts is contained in 43 CFR, Chapter II, subpart 8360-3 and 8365.1-6. Person or persons violating or failing to comply with these rules may be subject to penalties provided for in 43 CFR 8360.0-7 and 43 CFR 9262.1, which include a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 and/or imprisonment not to exceed 12 months.

Sixes River BLM Recreational Mining Site



- Sixes River Campground
- BLM Administered Land
- BLM Recreational Mining (Open to Prospecting & Dredging)
- County Road
- Gravel Road
- Natural/Unk Surface Road
- Major Stream



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