

DREDGING AND PANNING SPECIFICATIONS  
on the  
Medicine Bow National Forest

- Please have a copy of your “Letter of Intent” with you when operating on the Medicine Bow National Forest.
- Season of operation on the Medicine Bow National Forest is:  
**July 01 to September 07 on all streams.** This is to protect trout spawning habitat.
- Highbanking is defined as: “Moving water from the stream channel via mechanical means to a location outside of the stream channel floor to process material for its gold content.” Highbanking IS NOT excavating into the stream bank.
- **Excavating into the stream bank** to obtain material for its gold content **IS PROHIBITED**. Please stay within the boundaries of the stream channel floor.....or.....when highbanking, at least 100 feet outside of the stream channel floor.
- If a hole is created while highbanking away from the stream channel, please fill in the hole before you leave the Medicine Bow National Forest.
- If stream levels are low late in the summer, gold dredgers and panners may be required to keep their operations 300 feet apart to minimize stream turbidity.
- Use small portable suction dredges with a **suction hose intake of three (3) inches or less in diameter.**
- Use small portable suction dredges powered by **10 horsepower or less engines.**
- No activities, **except hand panning**, are allowed in any *Class I Water*.  
Class I Water within the Medicine Bow National Forest area are :  
    The main stem of the North Platte River from the mouth of Sage Creek (approximately 15 stream miles below Saratoga, Wyoming) upstream to the Colorado state line. The North Platte River, above the confluence with Douglas Creek is within a wilderness area – NO mineral entry.  
  
    The main stem of the Encampment River from the U.S. Forest Service boundary upstream to the Colorado state line. Most of this stream is within a wilderness area - NO mineral entry.
- No activities on any surface waters located within the boundaries of congressionally designated wilderness areas as of January 01, 1999. This includes Platte River Wilderness, Savage Run Wilderness, Encampment River Wilderness, and Huston Park Wilderness.