

Best Place for Placer Is Somewhere Else

Letter To The Editor

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Sunny Valley was once a last stand for Native Americans who had called the region home for generations. Considering them hostile, the white settlers called them the Rogue. When gold was discovered in the surrounding hills, they were simply not important enough to be left in peace. Few will argue today that what was done to them was just plain wrong.

The white settlers named the valley Placer. It was renamed Sunny Valley when the old name no longer applied. The name Placer was maintained as the name of the road through the valley. At the April 28 land-use hearing, the spokesman for the Mining Commission sited the road name Placer as a reason why an aggregate mine should be allowed to operate in the valley. He pointed out that Fish Hatchery Road has a fish hatchery and Airport Way an airport.

Sunny Valley Sand and Gravel states that exploiting our natural resources will be the savior of the Josephine County economy. The Mining Commission spokesman lives on New Hope Road. Would not New Hope be appropriate for this venture?

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