



*Gold dredge Sumpter No. 3, preserved as part of the Sumpter Valley Dredge State Heritage Area in northeastern Oregon. Prospector Henry Griffin first discovered gold in the region in 1861, and placer and lode miners extracted \$16 million in gold from the Powder River and Elkhorn Mountains by 1915. Three dredges worked the Sumpter Valley starting in 1913. No. 3, largely rebuilt from the first dredge, began operating in 1935. The dredges had extracted more than \$10 million in gold by the time No. 3 shut down in 1954. (Editor's photos.)*



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