

2007 Mined Land Reclamation Awards

Outstanding Reclamation - S.A. Moore LLC, Deschutes County. Contact: Scott Moore - 541-548-4525

The Lower Bridge site is located seven miles west of Terrebonne, along the Deschutes River, in a growing residential area. Mining began at the site in the 1920s for diatomaceous earth.

A Grant of Limited Exemption was issued by DOGAMI for approximately 207 acres in 1982, as all these acres had been affected by mining before 1972.

In 1984, an operating permit was issued for the entire site to allow for expansion onto nonexempt ground. The original 207 exempt acres had no reclamation requirements under DOGAMI state statutes.

At least six different operators have worked this site over the decades. The operating permit was transferred to E.A. Moore in 1999, and was maintained through 2007, when reclamation was completed on the nonexempt acres.

Over the decades of mining at the Lower Bridge site, hundreds of tons of scrap metal, equipment, junk, old tires and discarded conveyor belts had accumulated. Scott Moore, having taken over from his father, began the process of cleaning the site up. By 2006, Mr. Moore had disposed of all discarded equipment and debris, literally digging up old tires and scrap metal and hauling them to recycle centers.

Scott Moore is being recognized for his efforts to clean up several decades worth of refuse left by others, and in the effort, also reclaim for secondary beneficial use, areas that had not required reclamation.

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