

2007 Mined Land Reclamation Awards

**Outstanding Operator - Stein Enterprises, Inc., Josephine County.
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This upland quarry is located in Wilderville, six miles south of Grants Pass. A DOGAMI operating permit was first issued in 1979 and has been more or less maintained since.

After a previous operator was found in violation of several DOGAMI and Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) statutes, Stein Enterprises purchased the property in 2002 and immediately began to bring the site into compliance. A reclamation security deposit was submitted and a DEQ discharge permit was obtained while stormwater control measures were implemented. Also slope stabilization using compacted backfill along the adjacent property has been on-going to prevent further damage caused by the previous operator.

Stein Enterprises signed an agreement with the adjacent property owner allowing access to perform reclamation on the adjacent property affected by the previous operator. By October 2003, this area had been successfully stabilized and reclaimed.

Stein Enterprises is being recognized for taking a troubled site and making it an example of the best in industry practices, while mending fences with neighbors and restoring and reclaiming land damaged by others.

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Stein Enterprises' gravel quarry in Josephine County.



Controlling stormwater run-off is an important part of running a mine site that has as little effect as possible on the environment .