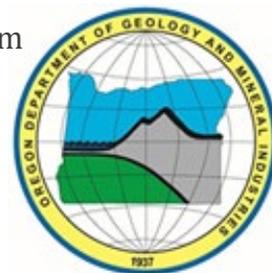


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### When you call MLRR:

We've updated the way calls are routed when you dial the MLRR main phone number.

**541-967-2039**

The new menu asks you to select the topic you're calling about (i.e.: complaints, permitting, information requests, etc.). This way, you will be directly connected to someone who can assist you.

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## ENGAGe Feature: MINING CLAIMS

According to the Bureau of Land Management, "A mining claim is a parcel of land for which the claimant has asserted a right of possession and the right to develop and extract a discovered, valuable, mineral deposit. This right does not include exclusive surface rights (see Public Law 84-167)." This differs from the mining (operating) permits that DOGAMI issues and regulates. DOGAMI has no information or input regarding mining claims. Per ORS 517.030, to record a mining claim please contact the clerk of the county in which the mining claim is situated. So who do you contact for existing mining/mineral claim information?:

**The Bureau of Land Management:** Phone: 503-808-6001

<https://www.blm.gov/programs/energy-and-minerals/mining-and-minerals/locatable-minerals/mining-claims>

**The US Forest Service:** Phone: 503-808-2468

<https://www.fs.fed.us/science-technology/geology/minerals/locatable-minerals>

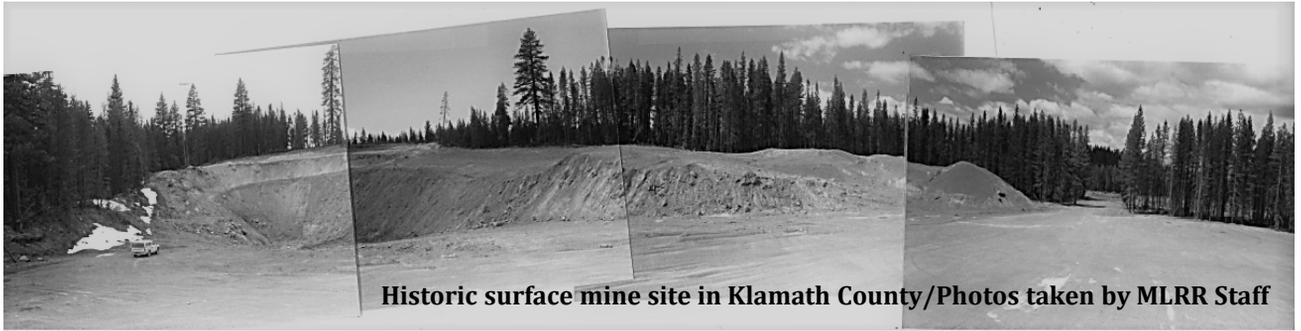
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Historic surface mine site in Klamath County/Photos taken by MLRR Staff

## ***Cari's Compliance Corner***

Welcome to Compliance Corner! Check out this feature for updates coming to the MLRR compliance program, information about common compliance concerns, and opportunities for outreach and technical assistance. Three topics at the forefront include:

- **mining without a permit**
- **mining outside the permit boundary**
- **chronic late payments of renewal fees**

Permit Boundary Marking: Are you operating within your permit boundary? Are you sure? Is it marked in the field? It should be! Did you know that once a permit is issued, but before mining begins, the boundaries for all excavation areas, stockpiles, setbacks, and buffers are supposed to be marked with clearly visible markers at a distance of no more than 200 feet on center? If your site isn't marked in the field, now is a great time to get it taken care of. Need technical assistance? Contact Cari the Compliance Specialist, she will be happy to help.

Late Payment: The majority of violations issued by MLRR are for non-payment of the annual renewal fees. What are the impacts of these violations? It means increased costs for MLRR and less resources available for customer service, routine inspections, and technical assistance. What is the solution? MLRR will begin issuing civil penalties to delinquent sites as 1) a way to recover costs and 2) a deterrent to this type of violation. Implementation is scheduled to begin with sites that are 60 or more days delinquent after July 1, 2019. For more information, please contact Cari the Compliance Specialist.

## **NEW MLRR Operating Permit Application Forms**

The new application forms are here and are fillable in Microsoft Word. Another bonus is the text boxes will expand as you type, so you will never run out of room for your answers. Please complete the application forms electronically whenever possible to take advantage of these convenient features.

The new Operating Permit application form is applicable to all Division 30 and Division 35 applications, including amendments. While we always recommend you download the latest forms from our website, it is especially important to do so while we implement the new forms. Contact our Aggregate Permitting Reclamationist, Nicholas Tatalovich, with any permitting questions: 541-967-2066 or [nicholas.tatalovich@oregon.gov](mailto:nicholas.tatalovich@oregon.gov)

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**<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MLRRCustomer>**