

the newsletter of the **Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation** program

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Exploration, Non-aggregate, Gas/oil, Aggregate, Geothermal

MLRR STAFF ARE HERE TO HELP YOU:

New hires in the last year

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ENGAGe Feature: MINERAL RIGHTS

DOGAMI gets lots of requests regarding ownership of mineral rights, but it's not something we can actually confirm for you. Mineral rights (also known as mineral interest or mineral estate) refers to the owner's right to exploit, mine or produce the minerals they own.

- Mineral rights are often specified in a property deed. A full title search back to the original deed that includes every transaction to present can determine if and how the mineral rights were assigned. It can't be assumed that because you have purchased a tract of land that you have the rights to mine the minerals located within it.
- *Things can get tricky.* According to Cari Buchner, DOGAMI's Mining Compliance Specialist, "We have sites where one owner holds the rights to mine a single mineral – nothing else – and a second owner retains the rights to all other minerals located on the lot."

We highly recommend contacting the county your mineral rights interest is located in. They can provide helpful, specific information for your location.

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Stormwater Runoff: Keep it Clean!

This is the time of year to keep an eye on your stormwater runoff! Common pollutants found at aggregate facilities include soil, overburden, reject materials, garbage, discarded equipment, fuel, oil, grease, rock, and sand. During rainfall and snow events, runoff from disturbed areas can collect these pollutants and carry them into streams and river systems where they are deposited and impact water quality for humans and wildlife. Salmon, steelhead and coastal cutthroat trout are very susceptible to increased pollutants and sediment loads. Fine sediment can clog the spaces within the gravelly stream bottom where these species build their nests and find their food.

If you operate a mining operation and have stormwater runoff that leaves the disturbed areas you should have a 1200A permit. If you're not sure how to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) or if you have questions about permitting contact Lisa Reinhart, Water Quality Reclamationist, at lisa.reinhart@oregon.gov or 541-220-1015.

MLRR Operating Permit Application Forms

New application forms were introduced Fall 2018, and are fillable in Microsoft Word for your conveniences. 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 Operating Permit application form is applicable to all Division 30 and Division 35 applications, including amendments. We always recommend you **download the latest forms from our website**. Contact our Aggregate Permitting Reclamationist, Nicholas Tatalovich, with any permitting questions: 541-967-2066 or nicholas.tatalovich@oregon.gov

Nominate For MLR Awards

Each year, the MLRR Program recognizes outstanding reclamation in several categories. We are continually seeking nominations for our Annual Reclamation Awards, and we encourage operators to nominate themselves, even though some are hesitant to do so.

With your help, we would like to identify those operators who excel at the day-to-day operations of a site, perform high-quality reclamation, involve their companies in community service, or work to meet the goals of the Oregon Plan.

Nominations collected through March 15th are considered for the previous year's award (in 2019, we present awards for 2018). For more details, or to make a nomination, please email mlrr.info@oregon.gov. or call 541-967-2149.

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