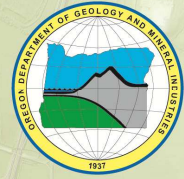


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DOGAMI names new leader for Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation program

PORTLAND, Ore. – Thomas Ferrero will join the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) as the Assistant Director responsible for leading the Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation Program.

Mr. Ferrero comes to DOGAMI from six years with the California Department of Conservation's Office of Mine Reclamation (OMR), where he managed the Compliance and Engineering Geology Units. Before joining OMR, he spent 25 years as a consulting engineering, mining and groundwater geologist based in Ashland, Ore. He brings deep knowledge of Oregon's mineral resources, experience in consensus-building regulation and reclamation activities, and proven leadership of science-oriented programs.

He graduated from the University of Oregon with a bachelor's degree in geology and is a certified engineering geologist in Oregon and California.

DOGAMI's Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation (MLRR) program oversees the operating permitting and reclamation plans for mining, oil and gas, and geothermal activities in Oregon. Program offices are located in Albany, Ore.

Mr. Ferrero will begin his work with DOGAMI on Jan. 20, 2015.

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