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Mined Land Reclamation Awards recipients announced

Outstanding habitat restoration and innovative approaches to reclamation honored

REDMOND, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) today announced the recipients of its annual Mined Land Reclamation Awards.

Protecting endangered fish through construction of engineered channels, reclaiming mined land to timber production concurrently with completion of mining, and reclaiming mined land for industrial business use are among the efforts recognized for the 2016 calendar year.

Honorees are:

- Outstanding Reclamation: **Irvin and Maryjane Sharp** for exceeding requirements and creating diverse riparian habitat in final reclamation of their sand and gravel site outside Molalla.
- Voluntary Reclamation: **Scappoose Sand & Gravel Co.** for their multi-decade commitment to restoring mined land back to industrial use through innovative techniques in recycling and backfilling.
- Outstanding Operator: **South Chemult Pumice Inc.** is being recognized for excellent ongoing operations, including concurrent reclamation practices.
- Good Neighbor Award: **Charles and Irene Kornegay** are being recognized for their quick and sustained efforts to address previous operator errors at their upland quarry near The Dalles, and working with the adjacent landowner to protect property and natural resources.
- Oregon Plan Award: **Knife River Corporation Northwest** is being recognized for their commitment to ensuring long-term stability of a Sweet Home site by protecting endangered fish species through engineering solutions, as well as final reclamation of mined land to fish and wildlife habitat.

About the Mined Land Reclamation Awards

DOGAMI's Mineral Land Regulation & Reclamation program oversees nearly 900 permits statewide. Each year, DOGAMI and an independent panel of experts select mine sites and operators to receive awards for excellence in reclamation, mine operation, and habitat protection. The awards were presented June 22, 2017 during the Oregon Concrete & Aggregate Producers Association (OCAPA) Annual Meeting at the Eagle Crest Resort in Redmond.

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Additional information about the awardees is available for download at:

<http://www.oregongeology.org/mlrr/awards.htm>

Photos are available on the Oregon Geology Flickr at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/oregongeology/albums>