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## **Mined Land Reclamation Awards recipients announced**

*Outstanding mine operation 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.

Improving fish passage, controlling stormwater runoff, and reclaiming mined land for wildlife habitat are among the efforts recognized for the 2017 calendar year.

Honorees are:

- Outstanding Operator: **Crabtree Rock Company** is recognized for protecting adjacent properties and natural resources over the course of operations at the Crabtree Pit quarry near Dundee.
- Outstanding Operator: **Knife River Corporation Northwest** is recognized for commitment to the vision of the Bob and Phyllis Mace family. When mining and reclamation are complete, the Mace aggregate pit site near Central Point will become a public day-use area for watching wildlife.
- Outstanding Planning: **RH Holdings LLC** is recognized for attention to detail in the preparation and submittal of their Jackson County Ginkgo pumice extraction application and for their extra effort to develop the site in an environmentally sound manner.
- Special Recognition Award: **Randy S. Hledik**, retired from Wildish Sand & Gravel Company, is recognized for his commitment and dedication to bettering community while representing Oregon's aggregate industry.
- Oregon Plan Award: **Knife River Corporation Northwest** is recognized for mitigating a reach of Whetstone Creek by planting native trees, shrubs, and forbs on the floodplain to help restore channel complexity and improve fish passage.

### **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 21, 2018 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>