

# MLR Reclamation Award Nomination Form for 2018 Awards

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Nominations must be received by March 1, 2019. Send to:

DOGAMI – MLRR  
Reclamation Awards  
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## AWARD CATEGORY (See Selection Criteria on Reverse)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Operator                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Small Operator                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Reclamation                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Good Neighbor                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Reclamation Planning                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Reclamationist<br>(from within the industry) | <input type="checkbox"/> Agency                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salmonid Fisheries Protection/Enhancement                | <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary Reclamation          |
|   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Special Recognition |

## NOMINEE INFORMATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Site Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

DOGAMI ID (if known) \_\_\_\_\_

## REASONS FOR NOMINATION

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Nomination submitted by \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Photos included     Please return    Return address: \_\_\_\_\_

## MLR Reclamation Awards Selection Criteria

AWARD	CRITERIA
Outstanding Operator	<p>This award recognizes operations which have done an excellent job of mine development and/or operations on a daily basis. Outstanding operations can lead to outstanding reclamation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attention to detail and maintenance of on-site controls to prevent or minimize degradation of water quality.</li> <li>• No significant enforcement actions within the last ten years.</li> <li>• Going beyond the requirement of rule such as wider setbacks than required, over-designed facilities to reduce potential impacts, e.g. sediment ponds, enhanced visual screens, or buffer strips to protect stream drainages or habitat.</li> <li>• Leading the way by using innovative techniques that improve the quality of operation and enhance environmental protection.</li> </ul> <p>Operating in a manner that reduces reclamation liability by completing concurrent reclamation on sand and gravel or industrial mineral sites or by maintaining benching on quarry highwalls.</p>
Outstanding Reclamation	<p>This award recognizes operations which go beyond minimum requirements and/or have a creative approach to reclamation. Minimum standards for reclamation require leaving a non-eroding landform with a stable vegetative cover. To a certain degree, reclamation requirements are site specific. Outstanding reclamation sites may also go beyond requirements of the DOGAMI approved reclamation plan for that site.</p> <p>Examples of outstanding efforts which could be considered are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• irregular shorelines and islands for wildlife habitat vs. standard slope and revegetation</li> <li>• enhanced habitat and/or species diversity over what existed prior to mining, e.g., creation of wetlands, fisheries enhancement, etc.</li> <li>• reclamation blends in with surrounding landforms, i.e., aesthetically pleasing</li> <li>• voluntary reclamation on exempt land</li> <li>• backfilling the mine area other than where it is required to protect groundwater quality</li> <li>• development of public access and recreation opportunities through reclamation</li> <li>• collection and use of native species</li> </ul> <p>Other considerations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• degree of difficulty and cost of the reclamation.</li> <li>• use of new or innovative approaches that improve quality of reclamation and/or have industry-wide applications.</li> </ul>
Outstanding Reclamation Planning	<p>This award is for operators who, prior to receiving a permit or amendment, submit detailed innovative or creative integrated reclamation plans that are consistent with, but exceed minimum standards for reclamation habitat, i.e. construction or creation. A nominated reclamation plan must be compatible with local zoning and may also provide a greater degree of environmental protection of adjacent natural resources than what is required by statute.</p>
Outstanding Reclamationist (From Within the Industry)	<p>DOGAMI would like to recognize a “Reclamationist of the year”, an individual responsible for mine reclamation from planning to implementation to equipment operation, who provides an enthusiasm and creativity, producing superior reclamation.</p>
Oregon Plan	<p>This award recognizes an operator who voluntarily creates or enhances salmonid habitat within a permitted area, or who volunteers equipment for off site use.</p>
Small Operator	<p>Same as for large operator, just on a smaller scale. Award may either recognize outstanding reclamation or operator.</p>
Good Neighbor	<p>Unselfishly working with neighbors and the community in a spirit of cooperation to reflect a positive image of the mining industry. Development of cooperative projects which benefit the environment and the community.</p>
Exploration	<p>This award is for operators who do a commendable job of reclaiming exploration roads and drill pads to the pre-mine topography and revegetating the site to blend in with the surrounding vegetation, and following established drill hole abandonment procedures for ground water protection.</p>
Agency	<p>This award is separate because reclamation is often underwritten as part of an associated highway construction project. All government sites are exempt from bonding requirements.</p>
Voluntary Reclamation	<p>This award recognizes those operators who perform reclamation on lands that have been deemed exempt from the reclamation law.</p>