NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN MINE RECLAMATION AWARDS – 2019

• Award Program began in 1991

• Purpose: “to recognize and share examples of successes in the areas of reclamation, closure, planning, and wildlife protection and enhancement in Nevada”

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Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation

Paramount Gold Nevada Corp.
Sleeper Mine Pit Lake Water Quality

Award Category:
Post-Mining Land Use Planning
Humboldt County

Letter of Recommendation From:
Dr. Glenn Miller, Professor Emeritus, UNR
Paramount Gold Nevada Corp: Sleeper Mine Pit Lake Water Quality

Sleeper Mine pit lake.

July, 2019
Paramount Gold Nevada Corp:
Sleeper Mine Pit Lake Water Quality

Sleeper Mine Pit Lake boat dock.

July 2019
Accepting the award for Paramount Nevada Corp. today:

Nancy Wolverson
U.S. Project Manager

Award Category:
Post-Mining Land Use Planning
Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation

B2Gold Corporation
Rockland Exploration Project

Award Category:
Exploration Project Reclamation
Lyon County

Nominated By:
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, David Risley, Zone Geologist for Bridgeport-Carson District
B2Gold: Rockland Exploration Project

Re-contoured drill site showing organics and boulders placed to enhance reclamation seed growth and discourage use by ATV’s.

July, 2019
B2Gold: Rockland Exploration Project

Drill roads re-contoured to original slopes.

July, 2019
Accepting the award for B2Gold today:

Dan Maus
Sr. Geologist

Award Category:
Exploration Project Reclamation
Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation

Nevada Gold Mines
Butte Canyon Historic Waste Rock Facility Reclamation

Award Category:
Legacy Waste Rock Facility Remediation and Closure
Landor County
Nevada Gold Mines: Butte Canyon Historic WRF Reclamation

Soil moisture, oxygen and temperature probes in WRF used to measure seasonal performance of the dump reclamation.

July, 2019
Nevada Gold Mines:
Butte Canyon Historic WRF Reclamation

Reclamation Awards
Judging Team evaluating
Butte Canyon reclamation work.

July, 2019
Accepting the award for Nevada Gold Mines today:

Steve Skidmore
Permitting Manager

Award Category:
Legacy WRF Remediation and Closure
Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation

Barrick Gold
Bullfrog Mine Partial Pit Backfill

Award Category:
Pit Lake Remediation
Nye County
Barrick Gold: Bullfrog Mine Partial Pit Backfill

Raising of the Bullfrog Pit floor by 71 feet with non-acid-generating waste rock, capped by fine soil to ensure groundwater level always remains below the pit floor.

June, 2019
Barrick Gold: Bullfrog Mine Partial Pit Backfill

Reclamation Awards Judging Team on floor of Bullfrog pit.

July, 2019
Accepting the award for Barrick Gold today:

Kevin Hamatake
Closure Manager

Award Category:
Pit Lake Remediation
Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation

Western Exploration, LLC
Doby George Exploration Project

Award Category:
Concurrent Exploration Reclamation
Elko County

Nominated By:
Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Jenna Padilla, Zone Geologist
Western Exploration LLC: 
Doby George Exploration Project

Reclamation Awards 
Judging Team inspecting 
reclamation vegetation 
one year after the South 
Sugarloaf Wildfire burned 
the entire area.

Due to the diversity of 
vegetation planted, the 
project area recovered 
better than surrounding 
undisturbed areas.

July, 2019
Western Exploration LLC: Doby George Exploration Project

Post-South Sugarloaf Fire re-vegetation growth in reclaimed area.

June 2019
Accepting the award for Western Exploration today:

John Cleary
Consulting Sr. Geologist

Award Category:
Concurrent Exploration Reclamation
Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation

Newmont USA
Buttes Exploration Project Reclamation

Award Category:
Abandoned Mine Hazard Mitigation
Elko County

Nominated By:
Ben Hoke, BLM Wells Field Office
Newmont USA:
Buttes Exploration Project

Before:
Open shaft at exploration site, 8/2018.

After:
Shaft backfilled with waste rock, 9/2018.
Newmont USA:
Buttes Exploration Project

Before:
Caved shaft filled with debris, 8/2018.

After:
Accepting the award for Newmont USA today:

Caleb Cotton
Sr. Environmental Specialist

Levii Anthony
Environmental Specialist

Award Category:
Abandoned Mine Hazard Mitigation
Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation

- Nominations can be submitted by Mine Operators, Exploration Entities and Government Agencies
- Share innovative, excellence and best practices
- Deadline for entries July 6, 2020
- Award team site visits July 14-17, 2020
- Please take flyer back to your site and share
Thanks to all who submitted entries, nominations and letters of recommendation this year and to our Awards Committee