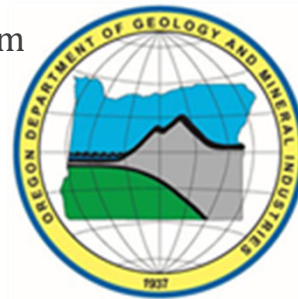


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Fall 2026



Exploration, Non-aggregate, Gas/oil, Aggregate, Geothermal

Exciting DOGAMI Updates:

Everyone, we've finally made it to cooler weather and soup season! Let's be honest – Becky's been celebrating Halloween since August! 🎃 Below is a list of fun program updates from MLRR!

- **e-Permitting:** The DOGAMI e-Permitting System (DEPS) is close to going live! Current permittees will receive info in the following months about how to create an account in DEPS.
- Implementation timeline for DEPs:
 - We will be launching the DEPS public portal starting Winter 2026 through Spring 2027. Each program will be rolled out individually, starting with Chemical Process Mining, then Surface Mining (Aggregate and Non-aggregate), Exploration and then Geothermal and Oil & Gas.
- **Applications:** DOGAMI continues to experience an unprecedented volume of applications, inquiries, and compliance actions resulting in an ongoing increase in processing and response times. Current permitting timelines for complete aggregate applications are an estimated 12-18 months. Pre-application meetings are strongly suggested and are available with our technical staff. Please contact Aggregate Permitting Reclamationist, Melissa Carley, to schedule one today (use the mlrr.info email).

MLRR STAFF HERE TO HELP YOU:

**Denotes new hires within the last year*

Sarah Lewis, R.G.
MLRR Program Manager

Melissa Carley
Aggregate Permitting Reclamationist

Nicole Ledbetter
Permit Specialist

Vaughn Balzer, R.G.
Floodplain Reclamationist

Dayne Doucet
Consolidated Mining Permit Lead

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*Roan Hall
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*Molly Reardon
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Cari Buchner
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John Hook, R.G., C.E.G.
Reclamationist/Mining Geologist

Lisa Reinhart
Water Quality Reclamationist

Ed Buchner
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Becky Johnson
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Raindrops are fallin' on my... mine site? Winter Floodplain News!

Do you remember the flooding of 1996? They say it was an El Nino winter and that made it especially rainy and wet. Guess what kind of year it is this year? A long one. But also, another El Nino year! The formation is well under way, and if that formation continues as forecasted, we will experience significant precipitation events – including flooding during the wet season. This is especially important for our floodplain surface miners to be aware of! So, dust off your raincoats and get out your ducky boots – the rain is coming!

Stormwater: The Abbreviated Version

Fall Into Compliance: Is Your Site Ready?

Use this checklist to keep your facility stormwater-smart, your neighbors happy, and muddy headaches off your to-do list.

Rake Through Your Stormwater Plan

Just like raking leaves, it's a chore you can't skip. Even if you *think* all stormwater and snowmelt stays on-site, review your plan. Flying blind into fall rains is a recipe for “apple-spiced violations.”

Don't Let Slopes Go Bare

Bare soil + autumn rain = instant mud pie. Seed by **October 1st** for vegetative cover. Until then, tuck slopes in with compost, mats, or tackifiers like a cozy fall blanket. Prevention now saves you from slippery, muddy cleanups later.

Prepare for Rainy Days

Stormwater doesn't take holidays. Check berms, ditches, and ponds before the downpours hit. Keep your erosion controls tight so your site doesn't become a surprise water feature.

Stop the Muddy Road Parade

Muddy trucks may look like they're coming from a pumpkin patch, but your neighbors won't find it charming. Use wheel washes or track-out mats to keep the mud where it belongs—not decorating the highway.

Questions about your stormwater permit?

Contact Water Quality Reclamationist **Lisa Reinhart** at 541-220-1015 or Lisa.Reinhart@dogami.oregon.gov.

National Association of State Land Reclamationists Award Winner!

DOGAMI is honored to be part of the National Association of State Land Reclamationists (NASLR).

This year we are particularly proud to announce that Wahl Ranches and Company LLC has won the 2026 NASLR Mined Land Reclamation Award: Non-Coal Winner, for their reclamation at the Wahl Site (DOGAMI ID# 08-0056). Working with the Wahls has been an absolute pleasure and seeing them get recognized for their hard work and dedication in reclaiming their site is a delight for our entire department. Congratulations Wahl Ranches and Company on your well-deserved win!