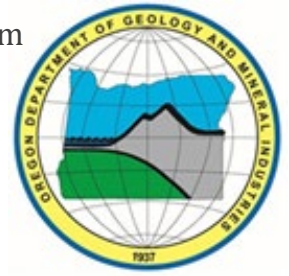


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Fall 2023



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Now is the calm before the storm, is your site ready for stormwater?

Follow the checklist below to ensure your facility is all buttoned up for the winter and in compliance with your stormwater permit. If you have questions about your stormwater permit, contact Water Quality Reclamationist, Lisa Reinhart at 541-220-1015 or Lisa.Reinhart@dogami.oregon.gov.

- Thoroughly review your Stormwater Plan.** Although you may be able to contain all stormwater or snowmelt on your site, you should still have a plan to ensure you don't discharge without permit coverage.
- Evaluate exposed areas that can be revegetated** to minimize erosion. Until permanent vegetation is established, use soil tackifiers, compost, or erosion control blankets/mats to minimize the potential for erosion. Exposed areas must be seeded by October 1st of each year if you expect vegetation to grow. Exposed slopes lead to erosion, mud slides, and messes you must clean up later. Source control is your ounce of prevention to avoid the pound of cure.
- Grade and slope roads** to help direct stormwater around exposed areas.
- Are your BMP's (best management practices) maintained and functioning properly? **Settling ponds, catch basins, and ditches** need regular maintenance for optimal performance. **Cleanout activities** need to happen during the dry season.
- Prevent complaints from your neighbors by **preventing track-out**. You may need an exit wheel wash or track-out mats if your facility has previously had challenges with muddy trucks tracking out onto the road.



****SAVE THE DATE: Stormwater Training on February 1, 2024, contact Lisa for additional information.***

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Dogami Employees inspecting a site in Columbia County

A Grassy Mountain Update from our Chemical Mining Coordinator, Dayne:

What is the Grassy Mountain project?

“Grassy Mountain” is the common name for a proposed underground gold mine, surface mill complex, and tailings storage facility at the Grassy Mountain location, about 22 miles south-southwest of Vale in Malheur County. The site includes both private and public lands managed by the US Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

A quick timeline refresher on the Grassy Mountain project:

- Jun 2012: Calico files a Notice of Intent (NOI) to develop a gold extraction and processing mine in Malheur County.
- Jul 2016: Calico Resources is acquired by Paramount Gold Nevada Corp.
- Feb 2017: Calico files a new NOI that expands the proposed permit boundary to include the access road and power line route.
- Nov 2019: Calico files a Consolidated Permit Application (CPA).
- Feb 2020: DOGAMI informs Calico that the CPA is not complete.
- Dec 2021: Calico files a revised CPA (not complete).
- Feb 2023: The Technical Review Team (TRT) accepts the final baseline data report as complete.

Exciting current news:

On October 4, 2023, the Grassy Mountain TRT (a team made up of state permitting and cooperating agencies) accepted the Grassy Mountain Gold Mine Consolidated Permit Application as complete. Following this action by the TRT, DOGAMI will now issue a Notice to Proceed (NTP), which will start a 1-year statutory clock to issue a final permit or denial. This is the first consolidated mining permit application in Oregon.

**If you are interested in more information, please visit the website at:
https://www.oregon.gov/dogami/mlrr/Pages/chemicalprocess_Calico-GrassyMtn.aspx*

Brand New Look, Same Great Form:

Did you notice that the renewal forms for Operating Permits and Limited Exemptions look a little bit different? To help combat the ongoing confusion with the two separate fees for active/operating sites (\$1460 + tonnage fees) and non-active/non-operating sites (\$1200), we streamlined and simplified our renewal forms! If your site hasn't operated/produced for the past year, check Option A and move on to signing the form. If your site was active/produced during the past year, check Option B and fill out the production section. Then move on to the signature portion. If you ever have a question about the renewal form – we're here for you! Call Becky or Brianna 541-967-2039 options 2 (Becky) or 4 (Brianna).