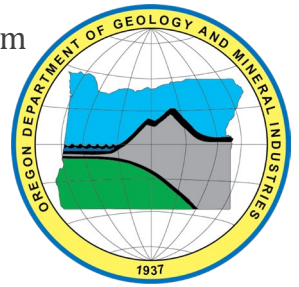


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DOGAMI Permitting Timelines

Just a reminder: DOGAMI continues to experience an unprecedented volume of applications, inquiries, complaints, and compliance actions resulting in an ongoing increase in processing and response times. Thank you for your patience as we continue with our increased workload.

These are some things that you can do to help the application process along:

- Set up a pre-application meeting with our staff to discuss your permitting project and potential complications you may encounter.
- If you are amending your permit or interested in past information about a site, request a copy of the site file via a Public Records Request (PRR). *Please note there may be a fee for a PRR submitted by anyone other than the current permittee.*
- Submit applications that are administratively complete and technically sound to prevent or reduce necessary revisions. Contact DOGAMI staff if you have questions.

To increase efficiency of communications:

- Send detailed questions *via email if possible* – the more details you give, (generally) the better and faster we can get back to you or route your inquiry to the appropriate resource.
- Consolidate communications as much as possible so your questions can be answered all at once rather than via multiple calls/emails.
- *Always include the DOGAMI Site ID# if applicable.*

DOGAMI strives to process permit applications as quickly as possible to facilitate applicant/permittee compliance with Oregon law. We appreciate your patience and understanding.

Staffing Changes to our Permitting Team:

MLRR said goodbye and parted ways with our wonderful friend and Aggregate Permitting Reclamationist, Nick Tatalovich, as of May 2023. Nick had been with DOGAMI since 2018 and had made several huge positive strides in revamping the aggregate permitting program, as well as making positive headway in permit processing. We here at MLRR will miss him greatly. Recruitment to fill this position is currently underway, but until then, our current reclamationists have been assigned to active applications and will be reaching out as needed.

Contact Us at: 541-967-2039 or mlrr.info@dogami.oregon.gov

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Benton Mine site visit - 2019



Permit Boundary Marking

Summer is finally here and along with it comes increased mine site activity and potential expansion into new areas. The rains, combined with vigorous spring growth in western Oregon, have likely obscured many markings. To avoid complicated and costly corrections, DOGAMI urges permittees to annually verify permit boundary, setback, and excavation markings on the ground. To prevent permit boundary violations, equipment operators must know where the boundaries are. In areas where mining operations are anticipated this year, it is important that permittees:

- Locate their existing markers
- Clear vegetation obscuring markers
- Update or repair any damaged, missing, or difficult to see markers

After DOGAMI issues the permit and prior to mining, the operator must mark the boundaries for all excavation areas, stockpiles, setbacks, and buffers. The markings must be accomplished by placing clearly visible, semi-permanent markers, such as T-posts or fiberglass paddles, at a distance of no more than 200 feet from each other.



DOGAMI understands that there are site-specific scenarios that warrant waiving the marking requirements. Those include, but are not limited to, the markings being in the middle of an active agricultural operation or in the middle of an existing road - private or public. If you think that there are portions of your site boundaries where permanent marking is not possible or does not make sense, please submit a marking waiver request. This request must include a narrative justifying the marking waiver and a map identifying the portions of the boundaries not being marked. DOGAMI may also grant extensions for marking areas that are subject to a phased operation plan.

For questions regarding permit boundary marking, please contact the department via email at mlrr.info@dogami.oregon.gov or via phone at (541) 967-2083.

*Pictures shown are examples of approved site boundary markings as seen in the field.