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**NEVADA EXCELLENCE IN MINE RECLAMATION  
AWARD WINNERS NAMED**

**(RENO, NEVADA)** The Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation Awards were presented on September 6 at the annual Nevada Mining Association Convention in Stateline, Nevada to two companies for their accomplishments in restoring and preserving Nevada's environment.

- **El Paso Corporation** received the Leadership in Reclamation award for their work at the Comstock Mill Site in Storey County. The mill site, located in American Flats near Virginia City, had been abandoned since 1982 and contained numerous public safety and hazardous contamination concerns. Even though El Paso never operated the mill site, and was not under any Federal or State order to reclaim the property, they voluntarily came forward and successfully performed the reclamation of the site.
- **Newmont Mining Corporation** was given an award in the category of Wildlife Habitat Enhancement for their work at the Lone Tree Mine in Humboldt County near Battle Mountain. Newmont's designed landforms and attention to detail for wildlife habitat elements were incorporated into the reclamation at the Lone Tree site. A wide range of wildlife, including chukar, antelope, and mule deer, now frequent the reclaimed areas.

"Many of the projects receiving the Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation award are unique in the United States, if not the world," said Alan Coyner, Administrator of the Nevada Division of Minerals. "Nevada's mining industry should be commended for leading the way in successful reclamation and environmental protection."

The Nevada Excellence in Mine Reclamation Awards are given cooperatively by the Nevada Division of Minerals, Nevada Division of Environmental Protection, Nevada Division of Wildlife, Bureau of Land Management, and the United States Forest Service. Sixty one projects and three individuals have been recognized since the awards program began in 1990. For more information about mining in Nevada, call the Division of Minerals at (775) 684-7040 (Carson City) or (702) 486-4343 (Las Vegas), or visit their web site at **[minerals.state.nv.us](http://minerals.state.nv.us)**.