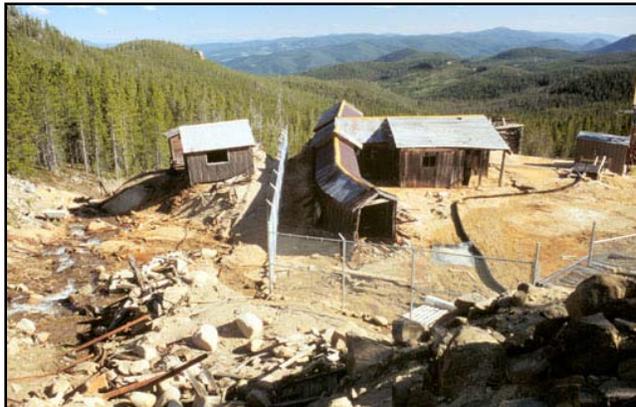


Conservation Practice Fact Sheet



DEFINITION

Reclamation of Abandoned Mined Land is restoring the natural resources on areas adversely affected by past mining activity.

PURPOSE

This practice applies to the construction, grading, and reshaping of land that has been disturbed or adversely affected by past mining activity. Mining activity often degrades the environment, prevents or interferes with beneficial use of the natural resources, and may even cause health or safety problems.

The purpose of mined land reclamation is to stabilize the area and restore it to a productive, economic use. The objectives of reclamation include:

- Restoration of an economic land use
- Restoration of desirable vegetation
- Erosion control and soil restoration
- Enhanced water quality and quantity
- Improved aesthetics
- Improved fish and wildlife habitat
- Improved safety and health for humans and other animals

ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE

Technical assistance is available through your local Field Service Center of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (<http://www.ar.nrcs.usda.gov/>), and the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality – Mining Division, at (501) 682-0807 or online at <http://www.adeq.state.ar.us/mining/default.htm>