

ENVIRONMENTAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD SILVER LEVEL

SUMMARY OF ACHIEVEMENTS & COMPANY PROFILE

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Trapper Mining Inc. has been awarded an Environmental Achievement Award for efforts towards mine reclamation activities that result in going above and beyond regulatory requirements and result in improved sediment control, plant community biodiversity, water development and wildlife habitat/response. As required by the Colorado Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Trapper reclaimed 3,361 acres of mined lands, of which 1,858 acres were approved for Phase III Bond Release. According to DNR's Coal Program, Phase III is the most difficult level of bond release to achieve. Currently, Trapper has a Phase I Bond Release application pending for 824 acres and plans to submit additional Phase II and Phase III applications for 2004 and 2005.

Trapper is one of the three best examples of successful reclamation in the nation according to the Office of Surface Mining, and was awarded the 2004 Good Neighbor "Gold" Award in September 2004 for reclamation implementation and well-developed community relations. Trapper has also been recognized by the Colorado Mining Association for outstanding pollution prevention efforts.

Other achievements resulting from Trapper's reclamation efforts include:

- Preserving 5,400 tons of soil annually over pre-mining conditions.
- Creating above average plant community biodiversity.
- Installing livestock watering tanks and stock ponds as a water development effort.
- Increasing wildlife populations such as elk, pronghorn antelope and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse from pre-mining conditions.
- Improving strutting grounds and other habitat for sharp-tailed grouse and other wildlife species.