



EXCELLENCE IN REFORESTATION AWARDS RULES AND REQUIRED INFORMATION

Nominations for Excellence in Reforestation Regional Awards should be submitted to the ARRI Awards Committee by **March 31st** of each year.

Nomination packages **MUST** be developed using the following format:

A. Cover sheet containing:

1. Name of individual(s), operator(s), and/or organization(s) being nominated.
2. Name and location of the nominated mining operation (including driving directions).
3. Permit number(s) of site being nominated (for Title IV sites, provide any identifying information available).
4. Name, address, phone number, (and e-mail address if available) of a company contact person (and of the person submitting the nomination if different).
5. Names and titles of all individuals directly responsible for on-the-ground reclamation at the nominated site.

B. Narrative description of reclamation using the Forestry Reclamation Approach (FRA). The narrative should be comprehensive and should describe the mining operation and the specific activity nominated for an award using the following outline:

1. Brief history/background of the mining and reclamation.
2. Description of the nominated activity, including tree-planting efforts, use of the Forestry Reclamation Approach, and specific problems, solutions, or unusual circumstances that were encountered.
3. On-site effectiveness of tree-planting using the FRA. This should be documented and quantified with data.
4. Transferability or value of the accomplishment(s) to other mining and reclamation operations.
5. Long-term benefits to the landowner and local or regional community.

C. Color photographs (not slides). The photos should show both the specific activity and the surrounding reclamation. When examined with the narrative description, the photographs should provide a clear understanding of the exemplary accomplishments. Photographs should be 8" x 10" or smaller, and labeled to explain what the photo shows. "Before and after" photos are desirable, but not required. There is no limit to the number of photographs that may be submitted.

D. Format. Each nomination package must contain the required information (described above) in a three-ring, loose-leaf binder. Two copies must be submitted.