

2009 ANNUAL RECLAMATION AWARD

Eric Pyne

EXCELLENT MINE RECLAMATION OF CALIFORNIA CREEK VALLEY



Re-contoured embankments blends with surrounding topography



Aerial view of California Creek Reclamation



Re-contoured embankments and stable stream channel of placed cobbles and boulders on California Creek



Preserved historic, stacked tailings on California Creek.



Hand-stacked boulders



"The Crew" when sober



Stabilized tailings pond on California Creek allow for natural re-vegetation.



Division of Mining Practices

Mr. Pyne has been mining on California Creek for eleven years all while creating numerous stable ponds, free-flowing conditions, re-contoured physiography and high water quality.

The reconstruction of California Creek is especially noteworthy as Mr. Pyne spent considerable time and effort to place numerous cobbles and boulders to closely approximate the original stream character.

The State of Alaska would like to thank Mr. Pyne for his responsible custodianship of Alaska's resources and for adopting a philosophy of going far above and beyond what was required of him by the State of Alaska. We congratulate him as a most deserving recipient of this award.

