

2012 ANNUAL RECLAMATION AWARD

JIM HOLMES

EXCELLENT MINE RECLAMATION

ON DOME CREEK



Redistributed fines and organics retaining sufficient moisture to allow for ample natural re-vegetation.



Old tailings piles leveled off restoring physiographic character of valley bottom.



Creation of numerous ponds to collect run-off and attract wildlife.

Mr. Holmes worked on Dome Creek during the 2011 and 2012 mining seasons spending a significant amount of effort there developing the placer resource and restoring his disturbance. Mr. Holmes' sense of ownership is obvious in his approach and practice.

Mr. Holmes' mining and reclamation of two acres of river bottom has left the land with minimal, uniform slopes, stable stream banks, reducing erosion and creating opportunities for the diversification of habitat.

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

