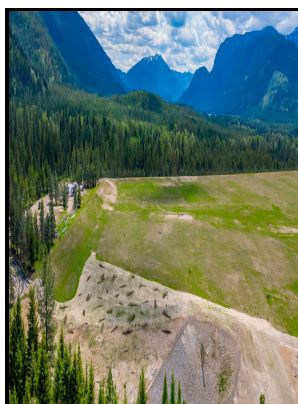


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But beyond the short-term economic ups and downs that come with any activity tied to the energy industry, what happens over the long run at the sites where frac sand is mined? So far, the area hasn't seen a lot of post-mining land use plans that involve golf courses or recreational lakes.

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Image courtesy of Jim Pruske, Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

## Sierra County, California Mines

He monitors non-metallic mines to make sure their operators comply with the and the rules in enforced by the. To get such a permit, they must have a reclamation plan. In 1986, the Department of the Interior created an award for excellence in reclaiming land following coal surface mining.

## Abandoned Mine Land Reclamation

It should be assumed that all mines are on private property.

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And the land will not be completely restored to its original, forested state. Yet these states have one thing in common—something that has unexpectedly primed them for potential solar energy development: mining. One species Ledford is up against is *Sericea lespedeza*, a flowering legume.



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