

## **Seneca Coal Company Earns Reclamation Honors From the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology and Colorado Mining Association**

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Seneca Coal Company has earned an Excellence in Reclamation Advancement Award from the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology and the Colorado Mining Association for a study that examined techniques for reestablishing native shrubs to provide enhanced wildlife habitat.

Seneca Coal Company, a Peabody Energy subsidiary, was nominated by the Colorado Division of Minerals and Geology and the Colorado Mining Association for participating in a five-year study. Seneca partnered with Colorado State University to analyze planting techniques and develop best practices for restoring native oak brush. As part of the study, Seneca gathered native seeds that were genetically adapted to environmental conditions. The study also examined nursery planting techniques to determine the most effective methods for accelerating growth.

"Seneca has a long history of excellence in stewardship and serves as an industry model, returning lands to a condition that is four times more productive than native range," said Kemal Williamson, Group Vice President for U.S. Western Operations. "We are proud to promote sustainability by leaving the land even better than we found it."

Peabody operations and affiliates have earned more than 20 major awards for stewardship in the past two years. The honors include 2005 U.S. Department of the Interior Gold, Silver and Bronze Good Neighbor Awards for working with communities to develop sustainable programs, and two 2005 National Reclamation Excellence Awards for developing managed grazing programs and wetlands restoration.

Peabody Energy is the world's largest private-sector coal company, with 2005 sales of 240 million tons of coal and \$4.6 billion in revenues. Its coal products fuel approximately 10 percent of all U.S. electricity and 3 percent of worldwide electricity.

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