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Dear Joe,

As you enjoy the dog days of summer, you might be surprised to learn that the parks and other outdoor recreational areas you enjoy with your family may be reclaimed mining land. Over the past thirty years, the U.S. minerals mining industry has reclaimed **hundreds of thousands of acres of land** into varied uses, ranging from economic development parks, farms, golf courses and housing developments to wildlife areas and wetlands.

Mining companies invest heavily in the research and development of new technologies and processes to minimize environmental impact, which makes the United States one of the **most environmentally conscious places for mining**. **Even before a project can begin**, a plan to restore the proposed mine site to another beneficial use must be developed and approved by regulatory agencies, and funding must be set aside to complete the restoration work.

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The Building Block of Summer Fun



A great example of the U.S. mining sector's commitment to safety, community and the environment is NMA member company [Rio Tinto's cleanup project in the religious community of Holden Village](#). Working closely with the small town in Washington state, Rio Tinto is overseeing a **\$200 million, five-year reclamation project** that will ensure the well-being of the mountain and safe water supplies for generations to come on a site where another company's mine once operated. Rio Tinto, the contractors working on the project and the residents of Holden Village all agree that the results of the project have been outstanding.

Learn more about the U.S. mineral mining industry's commitment to being a **good neighbor** at [Minerals Make Life](#) page.

Best regards,

Hal Quinn



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