

[Westmoreland Coal Company](#) (NasdaqGM:WLB) announced today that its Beulah Mine in Beulah, North Dakota received the 2015 North Dakota Public Service Commission Reclamation Award. The PSC's Reclamation Division recognized the Beulah Mine for implementing and following a mine plan that preserved wooded draw areas. Wooded draws are naturally-occurring steep, narrow valleys that are primarily vegetated with trees and shrubs. These areas provide valuable wildlife habitat, livestock shelter, and natural occurring landscape diversity.

"The Beulah Mine employees take great pride in mine reclamation, and we are grateful for the PSC's recognition," stated Shane Gant, Beulah Mine President and General Manager. "We are proud of our Beulah employees for their commitment to environmental stewardship, a pillar of coal mining and a core value of Westmoreland," commented John Schadan, Westmoreland's President.

About Westmoreland Coal Company

[Westmoreland Coal Company](#) is the oldest independent coal company in the United States. Westmoreland's coal operations include sub-bituminous and lignite surface coal mining in the Western United States and Canada, an underground bituminous coal mine in Ohio, a char production facility, and a 50% interest in an activated carbon plant. Westmoreland also owns the general partner of and a majority interest in Westmoreland Resource Partners, LP, formerly Oxford Resource Partners, LP, a publicly-traded coal master limited partnership. Its power operations include ownership of the two-unit ROVA coal-fired power plant in North Carolina. For more information, visit www.westmoreland.com; provided that no information contained at such website is incorporated by reference here.

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