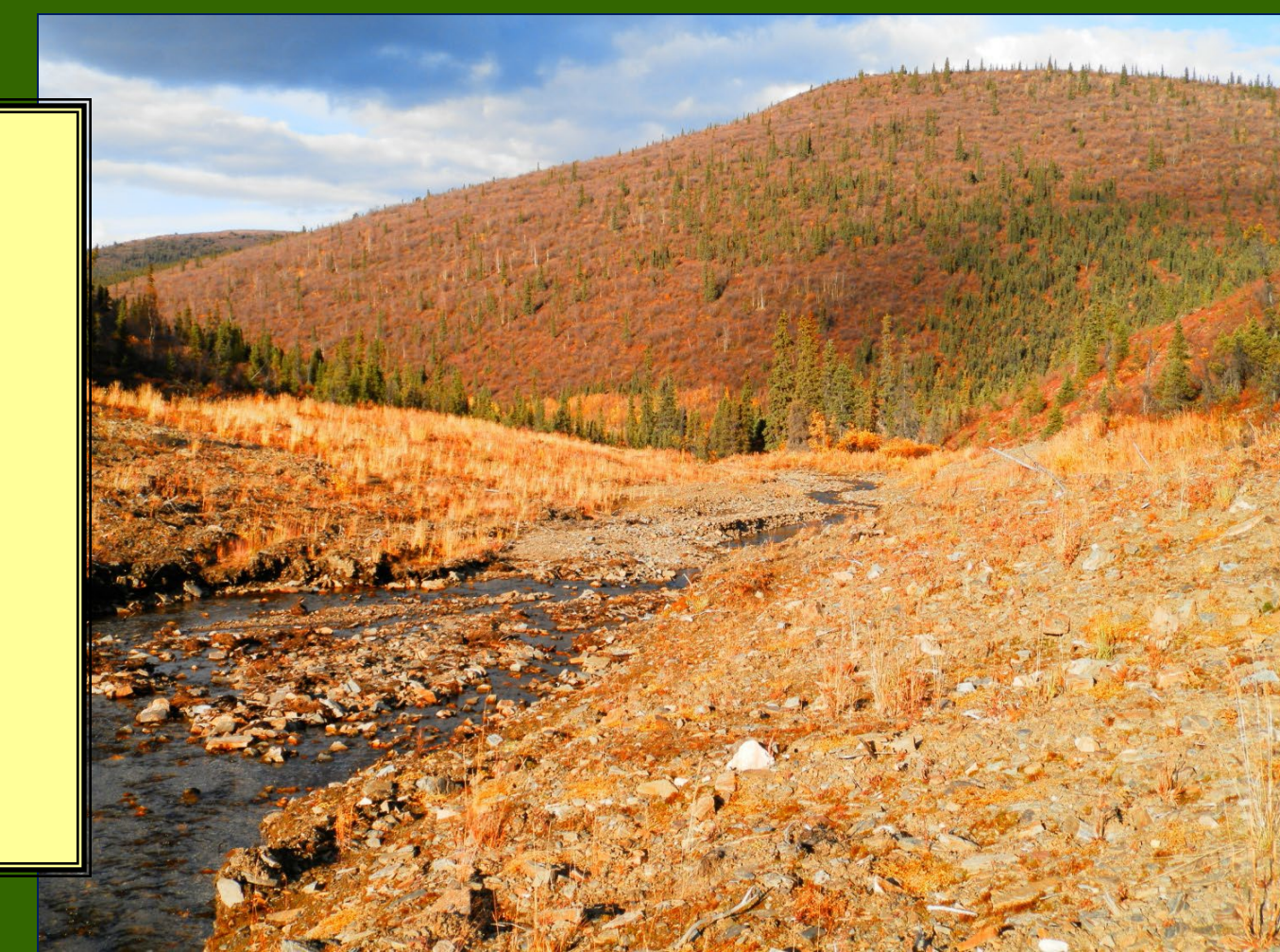




2014 ANNUAL RECLAMATION AWARD
TED AND JEFF OWEN
EXCELLENT MINE RECLAMATION
ON THE AMERICAN FORK OF YOUNGER CREEK



Ted and Jeff Owen have been mining in the Fortymile Mining District since 1997. This father & son team mined and exceptionally reclaimed the American Fork of Younger Creek near Boundary, Alaska during the 2011 mining season.

Mine and trail reclamation was conducted to create a wide floodplain and re-contour embankments with organic vegetative material to reduce visual impact, prevent erosion, and aid in natural re-vegetation. Within 3 years, several species of native grasses and deciduous trees have densely reestablished the area. The stream bed is stable with imbricate gravel and cobbles. The American Fork experienced a 50-100 year rain event with no negative impact to reclamation.

The State of Alaska thanks Ted & Jeff Owen for their responsible stewardship of Alaska's resources and for exceeding reclamation standards required by the State of Alaska. We congratulate Ted & Jeff Owen as most deserving recipients of this award.

Photos provided by DNR-Mining Section and Jeff Owen

