

Ecological Importance of Post-reclamation Land Uses on Evaluating Reclamation Success. R. E. Ries and R. S. Hedin. Range Scientist, USDA-Agricultural Research Service, Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory, Mandan, ND and Research Biologist, USBM-Biotechnology Group, Pittsburgh Research Center, Pittsburgh, PA, respectively.

Determination of post-reclamation land use or uses is an important first step in evaluating reclamation success. An effort should be made to work with and not against ecological processes that occur during the liability period which can enhance final reclamation success.

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