

# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

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## Oregon celebrates Earth Science Week October 14th to 20th

**Portland, Oregon:** Governor Ted Kulongoski has proclaimed October 14 - 20 Earth Science Week in Oregon, saying in the proclamation, "Geology and other earth sciences are fundamental to the health, safety and welfare of Oregonians and to the economy of Oregon. The earth sciences are integral to locating, developing, and conserving mineral, energy and water resources needed for Oregon's continuing prosperity."

Read the complete proclamation in the attached PDF or go online at: <http://www.OregonGeology.com>

Earth Science Week in Oregon is sponsored by the Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) and the American Geological Institute (AGI) and will promote public and professional awareness of the status of earth science in education and society.

"Earth Science Week promotes understanding and appreciation of the value of earth science research and its applications and relevance to our daily lives," notes Dr. Vicki S. McConnell, State Geologist. "Whether it's using cutting edge technology to understand how landslides can impact local communities or exploring the use of geothermal energy in Oregon, earth science is all around us."

To learn more about the 10th anniversary of Earth Science Week and AGI, go to: <http://www.earthsciweek.org/whatisesw/index.html>

The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries is an independent agency of the State, and has a broad responsibility in developing a geologic understanding of natural hazards. We then make this information available to communities and individuals to help reduce the risks from earthquakes, tsunamis, landslides, floods and volcanic eruptions. We assist in the formulation of state policy where an understanding of geologic materials, geologic resources, processes, and hazards are key to decision-making. The Department is also the lead state regulatory agency for mining, oil, gas and geothermal exploration, production and reclamation.

Learn more about Oregon's geology by going online at: <http://www.OregonGeology.com>

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