

# OREGON DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINERAL INDUSTRIES

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## A Jurassic crocodile and fossil beds open to the public highlight the new issue of *Oregon Geology* magazine

**Portland, Oregon:** The newest issue of *Oregon Geology* highlights the discovery, near Suplee, Oregon, of the remains of a sea crocodile that lived over 160 million years ago. The crocodile was not a resident of Oregon, but was transported thousands of miles from the South Pacific via continental drift on a journey that took millions of years.

Also in *Oregon Geology*, you'll learn about the geology of the Wheeler High School fossil beds in Fossil, Oregon that are open to the public. You'll meet the 2006 Mined Land Reclamation Award winners, see the fossils discovered at the Always Welcome Inn in Baker City, and learn about the Oregon Paleo Lands Institute.

*Oregon Geology* is designed to reach a wide spectrum of readers who are interested in all aspects of the geology of Oregon and its applications. It is published on the Oregon Department of Geology website and can be viewed and/or downloaded for free at <http://www.OregonGeology.com>.

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.

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