

Bob Dole



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DOLE PROPOSAL FOR KANSAS RURAL ABANDONED MINE PROGRAM
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WASHINGTON - The U.S. Senate late Tuesday approved Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request to restore \$13.48 million for the Rural Abandoned Mine Program. The funding, some of which will go to mine reclamation projects in Kansas, was originally zeroed out by the Clinton administration in the 1995 Interior Department Appropriations Bill, expected to be approved by the Senate today. The bill will go to a joint House/Senate conference committee to work out differences with legislation passed by the House.

"The Kansas Rural Abandoned Mine Program has now moved into its second year. The Soil Conservation Service has completed reclamation work on two mining pits in southwest Kansas and construction on several other sites is now underway. Upon final approval, this funding could help to eliminate several more life-threatening abandoned mine pits," said Dole.

According to the Soil Conservation Service, Kansas has approximately 40 priority projects backlogged for construction. Last year, Kansas received \$485,000 for this Program.

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