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Pioneer Technical Services wins ACEC Engineering Excellence Award

ACEC-Montana Awards Pioneer for the Prickly Pear Creek Realignment in East Helena, Montana

HELENA, MT – Pioneer Technical Services, Inc., an environmental engineering firm headquartered in Butte, Montana, was recently awarded the “Environmental Category Honor Award” at the ACEC Montana 2019 Engineering Excellence Awards banquet for the Prickly Pear Creek Realignment project completed by the Montana Environmental Trust Group (METG) at the former East Helena Smelter facility located in East Helena, Montana. ACEC presented the Award to Pioneer and METG at the ACEC-Montana 2019 Engineering Excellence Awards banquet on November 7, held in conjunction with the Joint Engineers Conference.

The Prickly Pear Creek Realignment project, headed by Pioneer’s Joel Gerhart, successfully relocated Prickly Pear Creek to replace a failing dam and contaminated lake with a natural-functioning stream, floodplain, riparian areas, wetlands, and native fish habitat. As a result of this successful project, the area now protects human health and the environment by reducing groundwater contamination and isolating an eroding slag pile without the need for future maintenance.

“We are honored to receive this award from such a prestigious organization as the ACEC,” said Brad Archibald, CEO of Pioneer Technical Services. “This was such a complex project, with many moving parts. Joel Gerhart and his team did an amazing job working in conjunction with our client Montana Environmental Trust Group, LLC to make that area environmentally sound for our community. This award is a culmination of our team’s hard work and professionalism.”

As a recipient of an Honor Award, the Prickly Pear Creek Realignment project is eligible to compete in the 2019 ACEC-National Engineering Excellence Awards competition. For more information click here: [ACEC National Engineering Website](#).

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