US Coal Cost and Supply: Tracking Your State's Coal

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2005 Coal Deliveries to Power Plants by Region—Graphic by Ventyx Red = Powder River Basin

Coal and Natural Gas Contract and Price Information

"EIA 423"

Colorado Coal Production 1986-2009



Aerial View of Powder River Basin Coal Mines



Source: Google Maps

Thirteen Major Coal Mines in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming



Source: Draft EIS South Gillette Area Coal Lease Applications Sept 2008 Bureau of Land Management, Casper, Wyoming Field Office

Powder River Basin Mines Wyoming

North Antelope/Rochelle Mine Remaining Life: About 8 Years Life Extension: 10 Years Current Overburden: 211Feet Expansion O-burden: 340+ Feet

Source: Environmental Impact Statements PRB Coal Mines Bureau of Land Management, Casper Wyoming Field Office

Overburden Above Coal in the Powder River Basin (Wyoming and Montana)



Source: US DOE, DOI and DOA Inventory of Federal Coal Resources August 2007

70% of the Coal In the Powder River Basin is Not Surface Accessible



Blue Hatched Areas = Areas Where Surface Mining Is Not Anticipated...

Source: US DOE, DOI and DOA Inventory of Federal Coal Resources August 2007

Percentage of Economically Recoverable Coal Powder River Basin USGS 2008



6% Economically Recoverable

Figure 68. Bar graph showing Gillette coalfield coal resource analysis results for the six coal beds from figure 67, reported as percentages of original resources (at sales price of \$10.47 as of January, 2007). Percent of remaining resources are shown in colored bars; excluded resources from the previous category are shown in white bars.

Source: USGS 2008-1202 Figure 68

Powder River Basin Mines Wyoming

Black Thunder Mine Remaining Life: About 7 Years Life Extension: About 10Years Current Overburden: 282 Feet Expansion O-burden: 400+ Feet* *For the West Hilight Major Expansion

Source: Environmental Impact Statements PRB Coal Mines Bureau of Land Management, Casper Wyoming Field Office

Repowering the U.S. Is An

Imperative, Not a Choice

The Sweet Imperative....

Variable but Renewable Resources for the 21st Century



Figure 13



Our Only Real Choice....



Solar Resource of the Southwestern United States (Measured in kwh/meter²/day)

Source: The National Renewable Energy Lab