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# COAL MINING

## ACREAGE PRESENTLY BONDED UNDER STRIP MINE PERMITS

COMPANY	PERMIT #	AC PMTD	BOND RETAINED
BIG SKY COAL COMPANY	83004CR	2,264.76	16,956,534.00
BIG SKY COAL COMPANY	88004B	5,458.60	8,423,505.00
BMP INVESTMENTS INC.	93017	4,236	1,182,000.00
COAL CREEK	80009C	120.00	0.00
DECKER COAL COMPANY	83007	4,361.40	55,825,089.00
DECKER COAL COMPANY	87001C	7,356.80	58,693,478.09
SPRING CREEK COAL COMPANY	79012	6,706.2	63,806,766.00
WARBURTON	78011R	10.00	2,000.00
WARBURTON	86016	7.00	1,400.00
WESTERN ENERGY	81003E	1,485.00	1,268,888.00
WESTERN ENERGY	84003B	6,058.50	48,403,696.00
WESTERN ENERGY	85003C	9,360.50	41,755,536.00
WESTERN ENERGY	86003A	4,167.40	18,202,793.00
WESTERN ENERGY	86003D	4,554.40	28,660,982.00
WESTMORELAND RESOURCES INC.	85005	5,387.00	10,613,868.00
WESTMORELAND SAVAGE CORP.	84002	874.00	3,212,879.21
TOTALS		62,407.56	357,009,414.30

One Company (Coal Creek) does not have a valid bond. The area encompassed by this expired/suspended permit is 120 acres.

### MONTANA COAL MINING COMPANIES

Decker Coal Company  
P.O. 12  
Decker, MT 59025-0012

Westmoreland Resources, Inc.  
P.O. Box 449  
Hardin, MT 59034-0449

Spring Creek Coal Company  
P.O. Box 67  
Decker, MT 59025-0067

BMP Investments Inc.  
275 Madison Ave, Suite 1505  
New York, NY 10016

Coal Processing Facility Only  
Wolf Mountain Coal, Inc.  
215 1<sup>st</sup> West Parkway  
Sheridan, MT 82801

Western Energy Company  
PO Box 99  
Colstrip, MT 59323-0099

Big Sky Coal Company  
PO Box 97  
Colstrip, MT 59323-0097

Westmoreland Savage Corp.  
PO Box 99  
Colstrip, MT 59323-0099

BMP Investments Inc. (local office)  
490 North 31<sup>st</sup> Street, #305  
Billings, MT 59101

Bull Mountain Land Company  
3203 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave North, Suite #300  
Billings, MT 59101

Reclamation Only or Inactive

Coal Creek  
Clayton Tonnemaker (Deceased)  
212 S. Cudd  
River Falls, WI 54022

BlackJack Mine  
Blaine Warburton  
Route 70, Box 51  
Chinook, MT 59523

Prospecting Companies

Carpenter Creek LLC  
3203 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave North, #305  
Billings, MT 59101

Kennecott Energy  
PO Box 3009  
Gillette, WY 82717-3009

PROPOSED NEW MINES & EXPANSIONS AT EXISTING MINES

- I. Large New Mines
- B. Pending Expansions, Reductions and Major Revisions at Existing Mines
  - 1. Wolf Mountain Coal Inc.  
Application 00173, Coal Processing Facility  
Received: 4/2/2004  
Declared Complete: 7/20/2004  
Declared Acceptable: 5/17/2005  
Issued: Awaiting submittal of bond
  - 2. Western Energy Company (Area C)  
Application 00172, Area C North-North additional 170 acres  
Received: 2/5/2004  
Declared Complete: 9/21/2004  
Declared Acceptable:  
Issued:
  - 3. Westmoreland Resources Inc.  
Application 00170, Tract III South, additional 1,713 acres  
Received: 6/4/2004  
Declared Complete: 11/19/2004  
Declared Acceptable: 06/07/2006  
Issued: 07/05/2006
  - 4. Spring Creek Coal Company  
Application 00174, South Fork Extension, additional 157.6 acres  
Received: 6/4/2004  
Declared Complete: 10/26/2005  
Declared Acceptable:  
Issued:
  - 5. Decker Coal Company  
Application 00175, West

Received: 10/13/2005  
Declared Complete: 12/16/2005  
Declared Acceptable: 02/16/2006  
Issued: 04/03/06

6. Western Energy Company (Area E)  
Application 00177, Area E-additional 21.3 acres  
Received: 09/17/2005  
Declared Complete:  
Declared Acceptable:  
Issued:
7. BMP Investments Inc.  
Application 00178, Amendment and Mine Plan Revision  
Received: 01/26/2006  
Declared Complete: 03/16/2006  
Declared Acceptable:  
Issued:
8. Bull Mountain Land Company  
Application 00179  
Received: 3/15/2006  
Declared Complete:  
Declared Acceptable:  
Issued:

C. Renewals and Transfers at Existing Mines

1. Western Energy Company  
Application for 5-year Renewal of 84003B  
Received: 2/28/2005  
Declared Complete: 5/25/2005  
Declared Acceptable: 11/08/2005  
Issued: 12/08/2005
2. Western Energy Company  
Application for 5-year Renewal of 86003D  
Received: 7/22/05  
Declared Complete: 8/11/05  
Declared Acceptable: 02/24/2006  
Issued: 03/21/2006
3. Decker Coal Company  
Application for 5-year Renewal of 87001C  
Received: 7/29/05  
Declared Complete: 9/8/05  
Declared Acceptable: 03/02/2006  
Issued: 03/27/2006

II. Small Mines:

Bull Mountain Land Company  
3203 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave North, Suite 300  
Billings MT 59101

**PERMITTED AND DISTURBED ACREAGE**

Company	Permit No	Permitted Acreage <sup>1</sup>	Current Disturb	Facilities <sup>2</sup>	Active Mining <sup>3</sup>	Rough Backfill <sup>4</sup>	Current Backfill <sup>5</sup>	Current Soiled/seeded <sup>6</sup>	10-Year seeded <sup>7</sup>	Cumul. Disturb <sup>8</sup>	Cumul Backfill	Cumul soiled/seeded	Cumul 10-year seeded
Western Energy*	86003A	→ 4,161.9	8.3	414	435	453.1	56.0	67.6	0.0	2768.6	1466.5	1409.5	1192.0
Western Energy*	84003B	6058.5	260.8	422	1154.6	820.1	2.5	48.7	0.8	3544	1147.3	1139.2	747.3
Western Energy*	85003C	~ 9365.5	116.4	720.7	1384.3	1260.3	-18.3	-18.3	251	4866.5	1701.2	1701.2	1282.2
Western Energy*	86003D	4,554.4	184.7	322.4	657.1	664.4	78	84.5	91.7	2749	1105.1	1101.9	500.6
Western Energy*	81003E	1,485.0	0	18.6	0	12.1	0	0	97.4	1263	1232.3	1217.9	1010.7
Western Energy*	85003P	20.4	-491.9	0	0.0	0.0	-491.8	-491.8	-469.6	20.4	20.4	20.4	20.4
Westmoreland*	85005	→ 5496	88.5	454.5	462.5	208.5	95.5	82.0	109.5	3745.5	2620	2637	1263
Decker Coal Co.*	83007	4361.4	0	946.4	568.5	125.2	44.7	0	30.1	2047.1	407	362.3	81.4
Decker Coal Co.*	87001C	~ 7339	136.2	1346.7	1439	412.9	0	0	33.1	5010.4	1811.8	1604.2	535.9
Big Sky Coal Co.*	83004CR	→ 2161.1	0.0	202.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	1687.4	1485.4	1469.1	910.9
Big Sky Coal Co.*	88004B	- 5472	14.9	235.2	71.1	69.9	188.5	120.8	0.0	2228.8	1923.7	982.9	0.0
Westmoreland Savage*	84002	874.0	11.7	50.1	182.7	98	0	0	0	501.7	170.9	196.2	144.7
Spring Creek Coal*	79012	~ 6926.3	281.4	1348.2	1031.5	221.3	24.2	24.2	0	2938.7	552.3	552.3	16.2
Warburton*	78011R	10	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	10	10	10	0
Warburton*	86016	7	0	0.0	0	0	0	7	0	7	7	7	0
BMP Investments*	93017	~ 4216.91	0.0	44.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	44.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Totals</b>		62,509.41	596.1	6525.3	7386.3	4345.8	-65.4	8.7	144	33432.1	15660.9	14411.1	7705.3

\* Updated for FY 06

These numbers are collected from the current year's Annual Report for each mine; most annual reports are submitted between January and June. Occasionally a minor revision or incidental boundary change may be approved during the year; the permitted acreages will be updated as that occurs.

All acres permitted are not scheduled for disturbance. There are various levels of disturbance, ranging from "associated" to "mine level". Associated disturbance consists of soil stockpiles, sediment ponds, other facilities, and mine level disturbance is actual coal removal area. Bonding is calculated partially on the type of disturbance an area is scheduled for. For those permitted areas not subject to any surficial disturbance, bonding is minimal.

1 Permitted Acreage is the total acreage included in the surface mine permit area.

2 Includes facilities that will be in place for about one year or more, such as: roads, railroads, load out facilities, mine offices, equipment storage areas, coal storage barns, dams and impoundments, conveyor routes or other routes, powerlines, pipelines, etc.

3 Pits, spoil peaks and areas in advance of the pits stripped of topsoil

4 This includes acreage at the end of the report period where spoil peaks have been graded or where spoil has been moved or spoil has been brought into a spoil peak area in anticipation of achieving final elevation of backfilled areas.

5 That acreage backfilled and graded to the approved postmine topography, elevation, slope, and aspect with drainages and drainage divides rough graded.

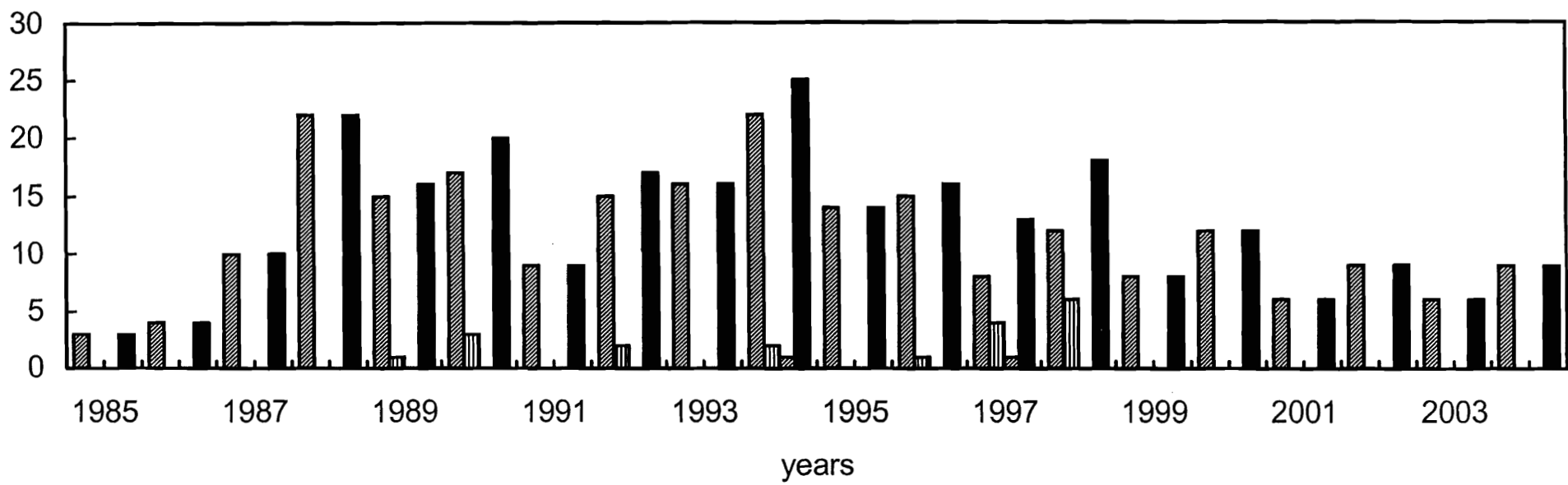
6 Acreage intended as final reclamation, soiled and seeded, and planted with permanent seed mixtures and seedlings (ARM 17.24.702 and 725)

7 Acres which were planted in the reporting period 10 years prior (ARM 17.24.725).

8 Includes all surface which has been disturbed. (Cumulative Disturbance = Facilities + Active Mining + Rough Backfill + Cumulative Backfill)

# Coal Enforcement

## History of Coal Violations



VIOLATIONS
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  TOTALS

The above chart shows the historic coal/uranium violation database for the period 1985 through 2006. Active current violations are listed below.



Active Violations from July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006

COMPANY	N.O.N.#	FID	DATE ISS	VIOLATION	A.R.M./M.C.A.#	TOA ISSUED	NOV ISSUED	FFCLO ISS	RLS SENT
Absaloka Coal Mine	05-05-01	985	09-Sep-05	Initiating construction of truck loadout area prior to approval of the minor revision	82-4-221; 82-4-222(2)(I); 17.24.308(1)(b)(iii); 17.24.415(2)		07-Oct-05		20-Apr-06
Bull Mtn Coal Mine #1	05-17-02	1001	30-Nov-05	Coal stockpiled on an unapproved area	17.24.413(1)(a)		30-Dec-05	16-Dec-05	09-Mar-06
Bull Mtn Coal Mine #1	06-17-01	1089	09-Feb-06	Run-of-mine coal stockpiles extend beyond the approved boundary for coal stockpiles	17.24.413(1)(a); 17.24.415(2); 17.24.609(3)		27-Mar-06		
Bull Mtn Coal Mine #1	06-17-02	1183	09-Jun-06	Using underburden water wells for mine operations	17.24.308				

-01- is West Decker; -02- is Savage Mine; -03- is Rosebud Mine; -04- is Big Sky Mine; -05- is Absaloka Mine; -07- is East Decker; -12- is Spring Creek Mine; -17- is Bull Mountain Mine #1.; -11- is Blackjack I; -16- is Blackjack II; and -17- is Bull Mountains Mine #1.

INSPECTIONS, MAINTENANCE ITEMS AND MINOR REVISIONS

MINE NAME	COMPLETE INSPECTIONS	PARTIAL INSPECTIONS	NEW MAINT. ITEM	COMPLETED MAINT. ITEM	MINOR REVISIONS RECEIVED	MINOR REVISIONS COMPLETED
Big Sky A*	6	7	1	0	5	3
Big Sky B*	6	7	11	4	8	8
BMP Investments Inc.	6	8	9	8	8	4
Bull Mountain Land Company	1	4	0	0	0	0
Coal Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decker (East) *	5	8	3	2	3	3
Decker (West)	5	10	15	9	17	16
Roundup Power	1	4	0	0	0	0
Spring Creek	6	8	11	11	8	7
Warburton BJ I*	5	0	1	0	0	0
Warburton BJ II	5	0	1	0	0	0
Western Energy A	5	9	4	6	9	5
Western Energy B	5	9	7	3	10	8
Western Energy C	5	8	7	6	6	4
Western Energy D	5	9	12	6	7	5
Western Energy E	5	8	2	0	3	2
Western Energy Pit 6	5	7	0	1	1	2
Westmoreland	7	6	15	11	9	12
Westmoreland Savage	5	8	3	3	5	2
Totals	88	120	101	70	99	81

For those mines marked with "\*\*", Maintenance items are not broken out by location; All Decker maintenance items are together, all Warburton, etc. Western Energy has some "mine-wide" minor revisions that are counted in the Area A section, instead of having a minor revision counted for each area.

BOND RELEASE ACTIVITY; TABLES TO FOLLOW

- I. Completed Bond Releases
  - A. Phase I
  - B. Phase II
  - C. Phase III
  - D. Phase IV or Full Release
  - E. Administrative, or Lands not Disturbed
  
- II. Bond Release Applications Pending
  - A. Phase I
  - B. Phase II
  - C. Phase III
  - D. Phase IV or Full Release

Reclamation Activity reflected by Bond Release

I. Completed Bond Releases

A. Phase I Bond Release Applications \*\*

APP. #	COMPANY	AREA	DATE REC'D	DATE RLSD	AMT RLSD	PHASE	ACRES RLSD
20	Westmoreland		17-Apr-91	05-Aug-91	\$0.00	I	276.5
21	WESTMORELAND		04-May-93	24-Aug-93	\$0.00	I	247.0
28	WESTMORELAND		03-Jul-95	06-Jun-96	0	I	262.0
4	Westmoreland		18-Jun-85	20-Feb-86	\$916,983.00	I	370
5	Western Energy	B	20-Oct-86	23-Jul-87	\$1,135,794.00	I	449.5
6	Warburton	BJ I	30-Dec-86	25-Feb-87	\$9,528.75	I	10
7	Western Energy	A	26-Mar-87	04-Jan-88	\$1,295,206.00	I	521
8	Hathaway		20-Mar-87	27-May-87	\$34,939.20	I	17
9	Westmoreland		04-Apr-89	03-Jan-90	\$0.00	I	70.7
53	Westmoreland		08-Aug-01	22-Mar-02	\$0.00	I	608.5
68	Westmoreland		30-Aug-04	19-Jan-05	\$0.00	I	276.5
39	Westmoreland		17-Aug-98	13-May-99	\$700,965.00	I	126.3
51	Wesmoreland		10-May-00	19-Nov-01	\$1,051,725.00	I	189.5
10	Big Sky Coal	A	26-Jan-88	8-Dec-2003	\$9,085,762.85	I	823.43
57	Decker Coal	East Pits	24-Sep-02	13-Jan-2004	\$943,737.91	I	362.3
58	Decker Coal	West Pits	24-Sep-02	13-Jan-2004	\$198,322.51	I	1384.5
11	Western Energy	A	04-Mar-88	07-Jun-96	\$0.00	I	64
12	Western Energy	B	04-Mar-88	07-Jun-96	\$0.00	I	151.5
13	Western Energy	C	04-Mar-88	07-Jun-96	\$0.00	I	72
					\$15,372,964.22		6,282.23

\*\* Phase I Bond Release Applications released prior to 1989 are equivalent to Phase I and II bond release now.

B. Phase I and II Bond Release Applications

APP. #	COMPANY	AREA	DATE REC'D	DATE RLSD	AMT RLSD	PHASE	ACRES RLSD
19	Warburton	BJ II	03-Dec-90	12-Jul-91	\$0.00	I AND II	22.6
22	Western Energy	E	19-Sep-94	07-Jun-96	\$449,475.00	I AND II	47.1
24	Western Energy	A	23-Mar-95	07-Jun-96	\$0.00	I AND II	218
25	Western Energy	B	23-Mar-95	07-Jun-96	\$0.00	I AND II	85.8
26	Western Energy	C	23-Mar-95	07-Jun-96	\$0.00	I AND II	145
27	Western Energy	E	23-Mar-95	07-Jun-96	\$4,010,932.00	I AND II	420.3
29	Meridian	TEST PIT	11-Jul-95	09-Apr-96	\$0.00	I AND II	6.09
30-B	Western Energy	C	26-Jan-96	16-Mar-04	\$108,252.00	I AND II	52.2
31	Western Energy	A	10-Jun-96	31-Jul-97	\$0.00	I AND II	200
32	Western Energy	B	10-Jul-96	31-Jul-97	\$0.00	I AND II	1
33	Western Energy	C	10-Jul-96	31-Jul-97	\$0.00	I AND II	565
34	Western Energy	D	10-Jul-96	31-Jul-97	\$0.00	I AND II	177.8
35	Western Energy	E	10-Jul-96	31-Jul-97	\$2,196,799.00	I AND II	230.2
37	Western Energy	B	16-May-97	03-Sep-98	\$0.00	I AND II	25
38	Western Energy	C	16-May-97	03-Sep-98	\$0.00	I AND II	154
36	Western Energy	A	16-May-97	14-Feb-00	\$0.00	I AND II	115
41	Western Energy	D	29-Jul-98	14-Feb-00	\$0.00	I AND II	118.1
42	Western Energy	E	29-Jul-98	14-Feb-00	\$1,452,445.00	I AND II	152.2
44	Western Energy	A	10-Sept-99	12-6-00	\$0.00	I AND II	91
46	Western Energy	D	10-Sept-99	12-6-00	\$0.00	I AND II	91.9
52	Spring Creek		2-Mar-01	12-Dec-01	\$0.00	I AND II	63.9
48	Western Energy	B	10-Apr-00	29-Jan-04	\$0.00	I AND II	42.8
49	Western Energy	D	10-Apr-00	29-Jan-04	\$0.00	I AND II	91.7
50	Western Energy	E	10-Apr-00	29-Jan-04	\$0.00	I AND II	251.2
Total bond amount and acres released					\$8,217,903.00		3,367.89

C. Phase II Bond Release Applications

APP. #	COMPANY	AREA	DATE REC'D	DATE RLSD	AMT RLSD	PHASE	ACRES RLSD
39	Westmoreland		07-Oct-98	13-May-99	\$0.00	II	847
51	Westmoreland		10-May-00	19-Nov-01	\$0.00	II	62.50
57	Decker Coal	East Pits	24-Sep-02	13-Jan-04	\$198,322.51	II	81.4
58	Decker Coal	West Pits	24-Sep-02	13-Jan-04	\$943,737.91	II	523.9
68.2	Westmoreland		31-Aug-04	19-Nov-05	\$0.00	II	557
Total bond amount and acres released					\$1,142,060.42		2,071.8

D. Phase IV and Full Bond Releases -- Includes Permit Area Adjustments

APP. #	COMPANY	AREA	DATE REC'D	DATE RLSD	AMT RLSD	PHASE	ACRES RLSD
A	Western Energy	B	26-Jan-79	31-Jan-79	\$10,167.50	FULL	2.5
B	Western Energy	A	01-Jul-80	28-Jul-80	\$46,832.10	FULL	14.0
C	Western Energy	A	10-Dec-82	25-Oct-83	\$195,398.50	FULL	57
D	Western Energy	B	30-Apr-87	23-Jun-89	\$11,551.00	FULL	4.4
18	Western Energy	Pit 6	13-Feb-90	08-Jul-91	\$134,692.00	FULL	63.9
29	Meridian	Huntley Load Out	11-Jul-95	12-Oct-95	\$11,394.00	FULL	6.91
30	Western Energy	C	21-Sep-00	16-Mar-2004	\$0.00	FULL	49.6
43	Western Energy	Pit 6	17-Feb-99	26-Jul-05	\$1,085,805.00	FULL	500.5
59	Jesse Minor	Hathaway Coal Mine	23-Jan-2004	8-June-2004	\$23,292.80	FULL	18.08
73	Western Energy	Pit 6	13-Oct-05	07-Jun-06	\$44,988.00	FULL	20.4
Total bond amount and acres released					\$1,564,120.00		737.29

E. Administrative, or Lands Not Disturbed

The following releases of either lands or bond obligation occurred as a result of either taking undisturbed lands out of the permit area, recalculation of bond resulting in a significantly lower bond, or a ruling that the lands in question were double permitted, and an Act, other than the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act, had primacy.

APP. #	COMPANY	AREA	DATE REC'D	DATE RLSD	AMT RLSD	PHASE	ACRES RLSD
1	Western Energy	E	04-Oct-83	29-Nov-83	\$1,003,757.12	full	240
14	Spring Creek		14-Nov-88	08-Mar-89	\$2,942,816.00	NA*	NA*
15	Western Energy	D	06-Feb-89	28-Mar-89	\$1,206,539.00	NA*	NA*
16	Western Energy	E	06-Feb-89	28-Mar-89	\$5,643,638.00	NA*	NA*
17	Western Energy	B	06-Feb-89	28-Mar-89	\$2,142,954.00	NA*	NA*
19	Warburton	BJ II	03-Dec-90	12-Jul-91	\$23,125.00	I, II and full*	22.6
	Decker Coal Co.	East	20-Jul-2002	6-Mar-03	2,428,178	NA	0
	Decker Coal Co.	West	20-Jul-2002	6-Mar-03	24,557,298	NA	0
	Western Energy	E		10-1-02	10,279,065	NA	0
Total bond amount and acreage released					\$50,227,370.12		262.6

II. Bond Release Applications Pending

A. Phase I Applications

APP. #	COMPANY	AREA	DATE REC'D	DATE RLSD	AMT TO BE RLSD	PHASE	ACRES RLSD
61	Big Sky Coal Co.	B	31-May-05		\$1,199,308.00	I	996
62	Western Energy	A	04-Aug-04		\$327,000.00	I	101.6
71	Western Energy	D	01-Feb-05		\$106,862.00	I	83.1
75	Western Energy	A	27-Apr-06		\$1,193,423.00	I	370.3
Total bond amount and acres requested for release					\$2,826,593.00		1,551

B. Phase I and II (combined) or Phase II Applications

APP. #	COMPANY	AREA	DATE REC'D	DATE RLSD	AMT TO BE RLSD	PHASE	ACRES RLSD
45	Western Energy	C	10-Sep-99	WITHDRAWN	\$0.00	I AND II	201
54	Western Energy	B	25-Sep-2002	WITHDRAWN	\$497,546.74	I AND II	202.3
55	Western Energy	C	25-Sep-2002	WITHDRAWN	\$693,171.36	I AND II	252.0
56	Western Energy	D	25-Sep-2002		\$1,163,135.10	I AND II	442.6
61	Big Sky Coal Co.	B	31-May-05		\$1,185,939.00	II	494
66	Western Energy	C	21-Sep-04		\$0.00	I AND II	623
60	Big Sky Coal Co.	Area A	26-Apr-05		\$6,565,265.00	I AND II	595
72	Spring Creek Coal		03-Aug-05	WITHDRAWN	\$300,000.00	I AND II	352.9
Total bond amount and acres requested for release					\$10,405,057.20		3162.8

C. Phase III Applications

APP. #	COMPANY	AREA	DATE REC'D	DATE RLSD	AMT TO BE RLSD	PHASE	ACRES RLSD
67	Western Energy	B	29-Nov-05		\$0.00	III	27.9
70	Westmoreland	Savage	03-Jan-05	WITHDRAWN	\$477,888.00	III	130
74	Western Energy	E	28-Apr-06		\$0.00	III	172.4
76	Western Energy	E	28-Apr-06		\$0.00	III	157.5
Total bond amount and acres requested for release					\$477,888.00		4,878

D. Phase IV or Full Applications

APP. #	COMPANY	AREA	DATE REC'D	DATE RLSD	AMT TO BE RLSD	PHASE	ACRES RLSD
Total bond amount and acres requested for release					\$0		0



COAL PROSPECTING

PERMITS BY COMPANY

<u>Permit Holders</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Bond Held</u>	<u>Number of Acres</u>
Kennecott Energy (321)	Powder River	\$16,000	5.2
Western Energy Co. (322)	Rosebud	\$28,800.00	9.4
Western Energy Co. (323)	Treasure	\$22,800.00	6.4
Carpenter Creek LLC (324)	Musselshell	\$10,000.00	1.0
<b>Totals</b>		<b>\$77,600.00</b>	<b>22</b>

PROSPECTING PERMIT BY COUNTY

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Permits</u>	<u>Total Acreage Permitted</u>
Powder River	1	5.2
Rosebud	1	9.4
Treasure	1	6.4
Musselshell	1	1.0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>22.0</b>

Expired Permits - Bond Still Held

<u>Permit No.</u>	<u>Last Renew</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Bond Amt.</u>	<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Release Date</u>
136		Montana State University	Rosebud	\$0.00	16.3	
288	84	Peabody Coal Co.	Rosebud	\$29,200.00	18.3	
309	93	Big Sky Coal Co.	Rosebud	\$11,000.00	1.2	
303	97	Montco LLP	Rosebud	\$20,500.00	10.5	
313	97	Big Sky Coal Co.	Rosebud	\$25,800.00	15.8	
307	2000	Montco LLP	Powder River	\$12,400.00	2.4	
316	2004	Kiewit Mining Group	Custer	\$15,500.00	4.9	
317	2005	Kiewit Mining Group	Wibaux	\$10,000.00	0.2	
318	2005	Kiewit Mining Group	Dawson	\$10,000.00	0.4	
319	2005	Kiewit Mining Group	McCone	\$16,000.00	4.0	
320	2005	Kiewit Mining Group	Prairie	\$12,500.00	1.6	
<b>Total Bond yet held on Prospecting Permits as of 7/1/2006</b>				<b>\$162,900.00</b>	<b>75.6</b>	