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COAL RESOURCES, POWDER RIVER BASIN

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COAL RESOURCES—WYODAK-ANDERSON COAL ZONE, POWDER RIVER BASIN, WYOMING AND MONTANA

WYODAK-ANDERSON COAL ZONE RESOURCE ESTIMATES—AN OVERVIEW

- Coal resources are calculated using the specific gravity of the coal calculated from apparent coal rank, which is the weight of coal per unit volume, net coal thickness, and areal extent of the coal.
- Resource tables for the Wyodak-Anderson coal zone in the Powder River Basin include coal and overburden thickness categories from Wood and others (1983), which are based on apparent coal rank. Additional categories have been added to provide more detail. Resources are also reported by State, county, Federal coal and surface ownership, and 7.5-minute quadrangle.
- Following USGS published guidelines (Wood and others, 1983) coal resource estimates are divided into measured, indicated, and inferred categories according to relative abundance and reliability of data.
- Where data are widely spaced a hypothetical resource may be extrapolated.
- Measured resources are tonnage estimates of coal in the coal zone within a radius of 0.25 mi of a control point where the net thickness of coal is measured.
- Indicated resources are tonnage estimates of coal that is within a radius of 0.25-0.75 mi of a control point where the net thickness of the coal is measured.

- Inferred resources are tonnage estimates of coal that is within a radius of 0.75-3 mi of a control point where the net thickness of the coal is measured.
- Hypothetical resources are tonnage estimates of coal that is beyond a radius of 3 mi of a control point where the net thickness of coal is measured.
- These resource categories assume a high to low degree of geologic certainty. A statistical method, which measures levels of uncertainty (confidence limits) for the Wyodak-Anderson resource estimates in the Powder River Basin, is also included in this study.
- Resource estimates are reported in millions of short tons with two significant figures.

WYODAK-ANDERSON COAL ZONE COAL RESOURCES

The lateral extent (study limit) of the Wyodak-Anderson coal zone is based on published geologic maps by Kent and Berlage (1980), Bryson and Bass (1973), Robinson and Culbertson (1984), Warren (1959), and Baker (1929). The study limit was generalized in some areas to include small areas of Wyodak-Anderson coal outside of the main boundary. The contact of Cretaceous and Tertiary rocks (Love and Christiansen, 1985; Ross and others, 1955) was used for a boundary in some areas where more detailed geologic and coal outcrop maps were not available. The entire study area is about 5,972,000 acres (2,416,786 hectares) in size.

Wyodak-Anderson coal resources in the Powder River Basin of Wyoming and Montana were calculated using several software packages and custom programs. Details of the methodology used are given in Ellis and others (1999, in press).

To calculate Wyodak-Anderson coal resources data was compiled in a StratiFact* (GRG Corporation, 1996) relational database. The coal beds in the Wyodak-Anderson coal zone, including the Anderson, Dietz, Canyon, Monarch, Werner, Wyodak, Smith, Swartz, Sussex, School, and Badger coal beds (see an explanation of coal-bed nomenclature in the chapter on Fort Union coal in the Powder River Basin ([chapter PS](#)), were correlated in the database. A custom program was used to calculate the net coal thickness at each data point (drill hole or measured section) location.

The net coal thickness and overburden were gridded, and isopach maps were produced using EarthVision* software (Dynamic Graphics, Inc., 1997). The grid for the coal thickness was made using an isopach grid option (special handling of 0 values and terminated data) and 300 x 300-meter grid spacing.

The spatial parameters for querying coal resources (for example, 7.5-minute quadrangle ([fig. PN-1](#)) map area (U.S. Geological Survey National Mapping Division unpublished data, undated), Federal coal and surface ownership ([fig. PN-2](#)) (Biewick and others, 1998), and reliability, coal thickness ([fig. PN-3](#)), and overburden ([fig. PN-4](#)) categories) were created on individual layers as ARC/INFO* (ESRI, 1998a) polygon coverages. The coverages were unioned to make one polygon coverage with many attributes for each polygon. The polygons in the union coverage were edited in ARC/INFO* and ArcView* (ESRI, 1998b).

Coal resources were calculated using the EarthVision* (EV) volumetrics tool, which calculates tonnages in each union coverage polygon using the net coal thickness grid, the area of each polygon, and a conversion factor of 1,770 short tons per acre-ft for subbituminous rank coal (Wood and others, 1983). Data from

the EV volumetrics report and the union coverage polygon attribute table were combined in Excel* (Microsoft, 1997) spreadsheet software. Data for polygons containing Wyodak-Anderson clinker (fig. PN-5) (Kanizay, S.P., 1978; Heffern and others, 1993; Boyd and others, 1997; and Heffern unpublished data, undated), Wyodak-Anderson mine and lease areas (fig. PN-5) (Bureau of Land Management, 1996; Kennecott Energy and others, undated; and Dunrud and Osterwald, 1980), or areas of net coal less than 2.5 ft thick were deleted from the data set. Lease areas may include public and/or state leases in addition to Federal leases. Resource tables were created using data from the remaining polygons (tables PN-1, PN-2, and PN-3). The final resource area (fig. PN-5) (area that met all coal resource criteria) was about 5,414,000 acres (2,190,971 hectares) in area.

*Commercial software package.

CONFIDENCE LIMITS FOR WYODAK-ANDERSON COAL ZONE COAL RESOURCES

A confidence interval is a statistic designed to capture uncertainty associated with a point value estimate. In this study we computed 90-percent confidence intervals on the volume (total resource in millions of short tons) of coal in the Wyodak-Anderson coal zone in the measured, indicated, inferred, and hypothetical categories.

The three main potential sources of error that might bias the confidence intervals are preferential sampling, measurement errors, and model fitting. The probabilistic interpretation of a confidence interval is based upon a random sample, which does not apply in this situation, because there is preferential sampling in those areas deemed to be minable. Measurement error can be caused by an error in recording

the coal bed thickness or in the definition of coverage areas. Modeling fitting variability and bias result from the choice of models and fitting procedures.

Confidence limits for coal resources of the Wyodak-Anderson coal zone in the Powder River Basin were calculated by J.H. Schuenemeyer and H.C. Power. The data set that they used contained net coal measurements from 4,462 locations. This data set included drill hole or measured section data for locations that contained Wyodak-Anderson coal (no 0 values) and data that were representative of the entire coal zone (no terminated holes).

The confidence limits were derived through a complex series of steps. These steps included modeling coal thickness trends and removing the coal thickness trends using a nonparametric regression algorithm called loess (with span=0.5), using residual thickness to compute a semivariogram, and fitting the semivariogram to an exponential model. Parameter estimates were sill=529.75 ft², nugget=212.04 ft², and range=2.357 miles. Standard deviations of coal thickness were obtained from the semivariogram model. Differences in point densities were compensated for by calculating sample size, called a pseudo *n*, within each reliability category and calculating the variability of volume for each of the reliability categories. Volumes of Wyodak-Anderson coal were then calculated at a 90-percent confidence interval with measurement error. Some of the parameters used and results of the confidence interval calculations are shown in [tables PN-5](#) and [PN-6](#). A detailed description of the methodology used is given in Schuenemeyer and Power (in press) and in Ellis and others (1999, in press).

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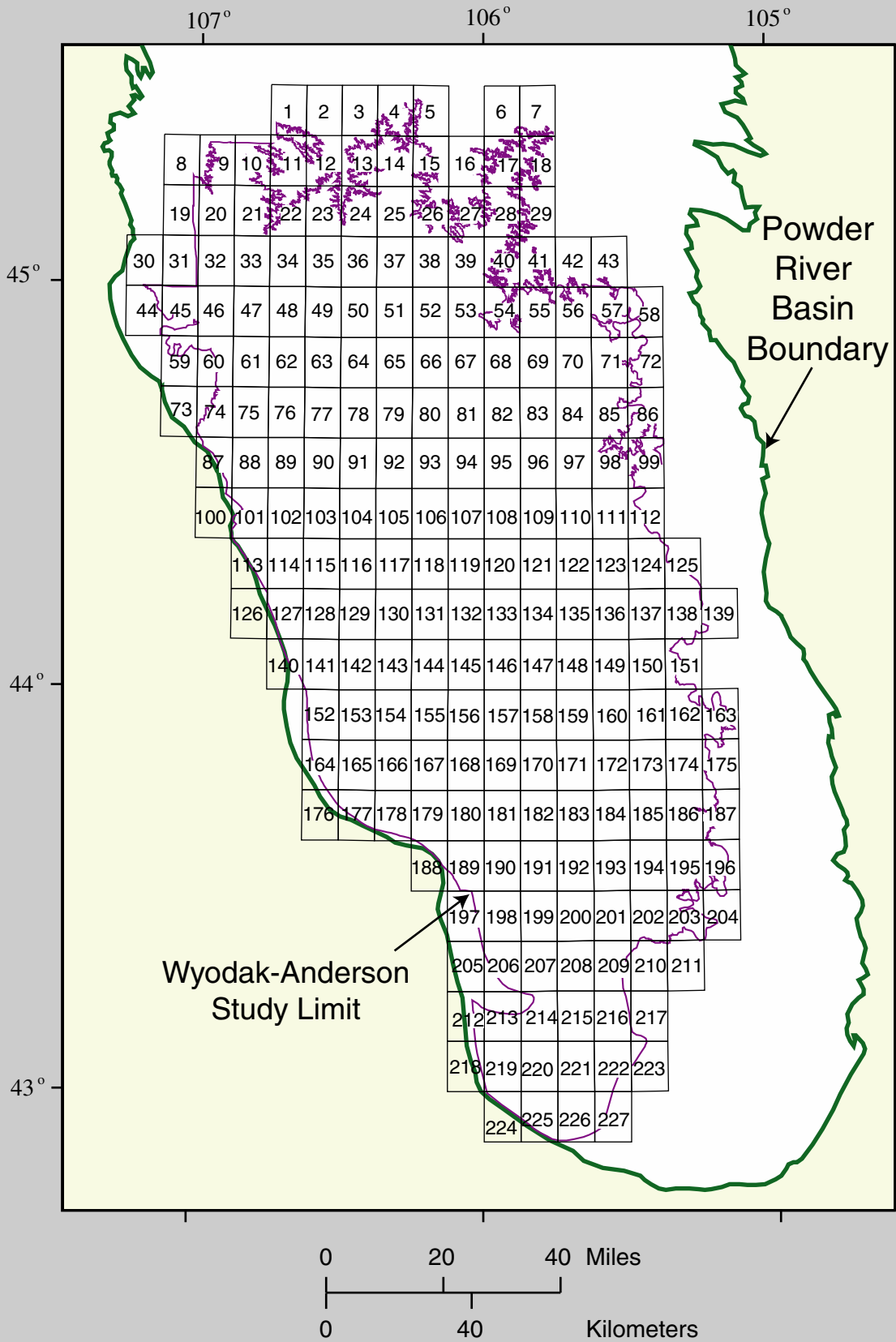
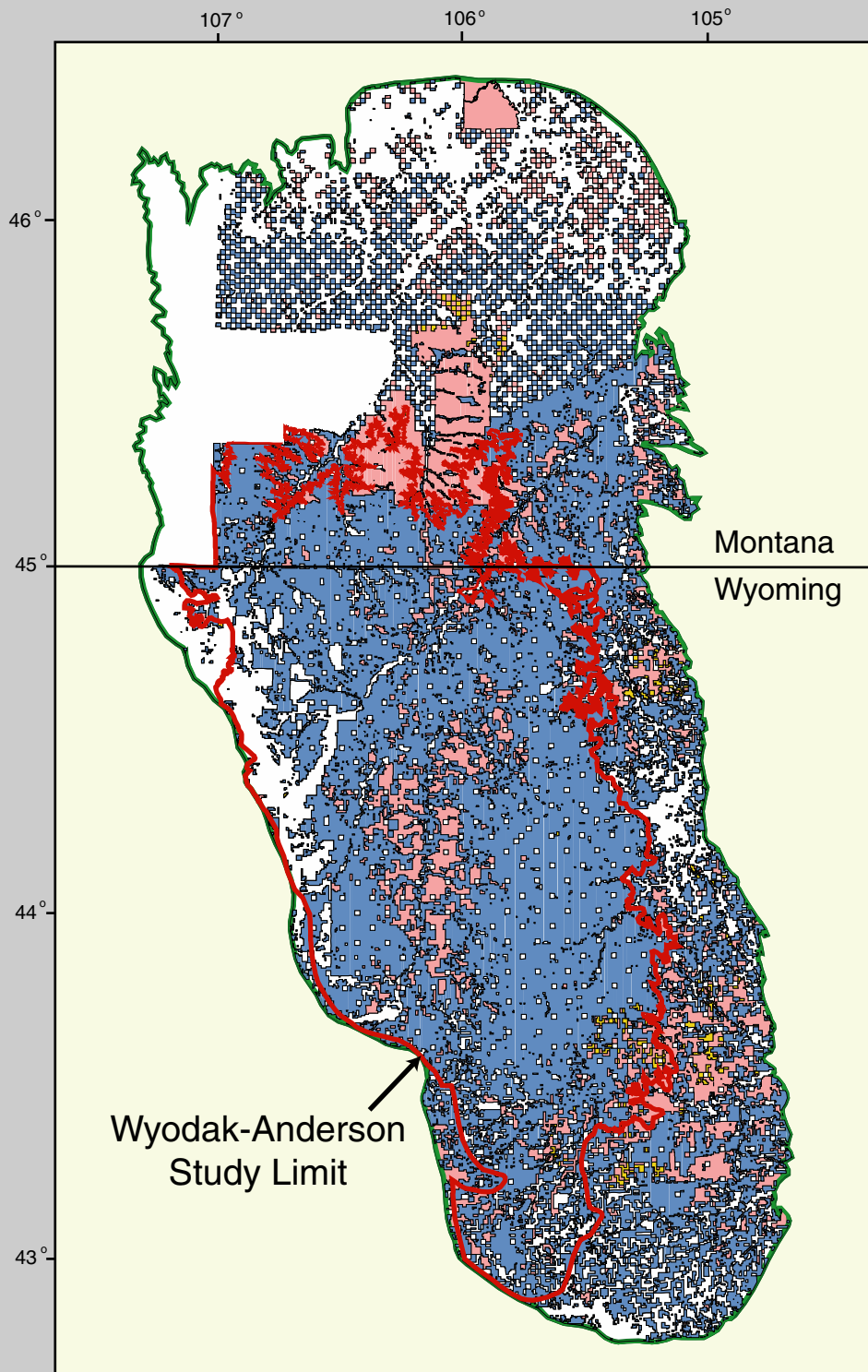


Figure PN-1. Location of 7.5-minute quadrangle maps in the Wyodak-Anderson study limit.



Federal coal = Subsurface
 Federal management of all minerals,
 coal only, or oil, gas, and coal

Federal surface = Federal surface
 ownership

- Federal coal and Federal surface
- Federal coal, but no Federal surface
- No Federal coal, but Federal surface
- No Federal coal or Federal surface

Figure PN-2. Federal coal and surface ownership in the Powder River Basin.

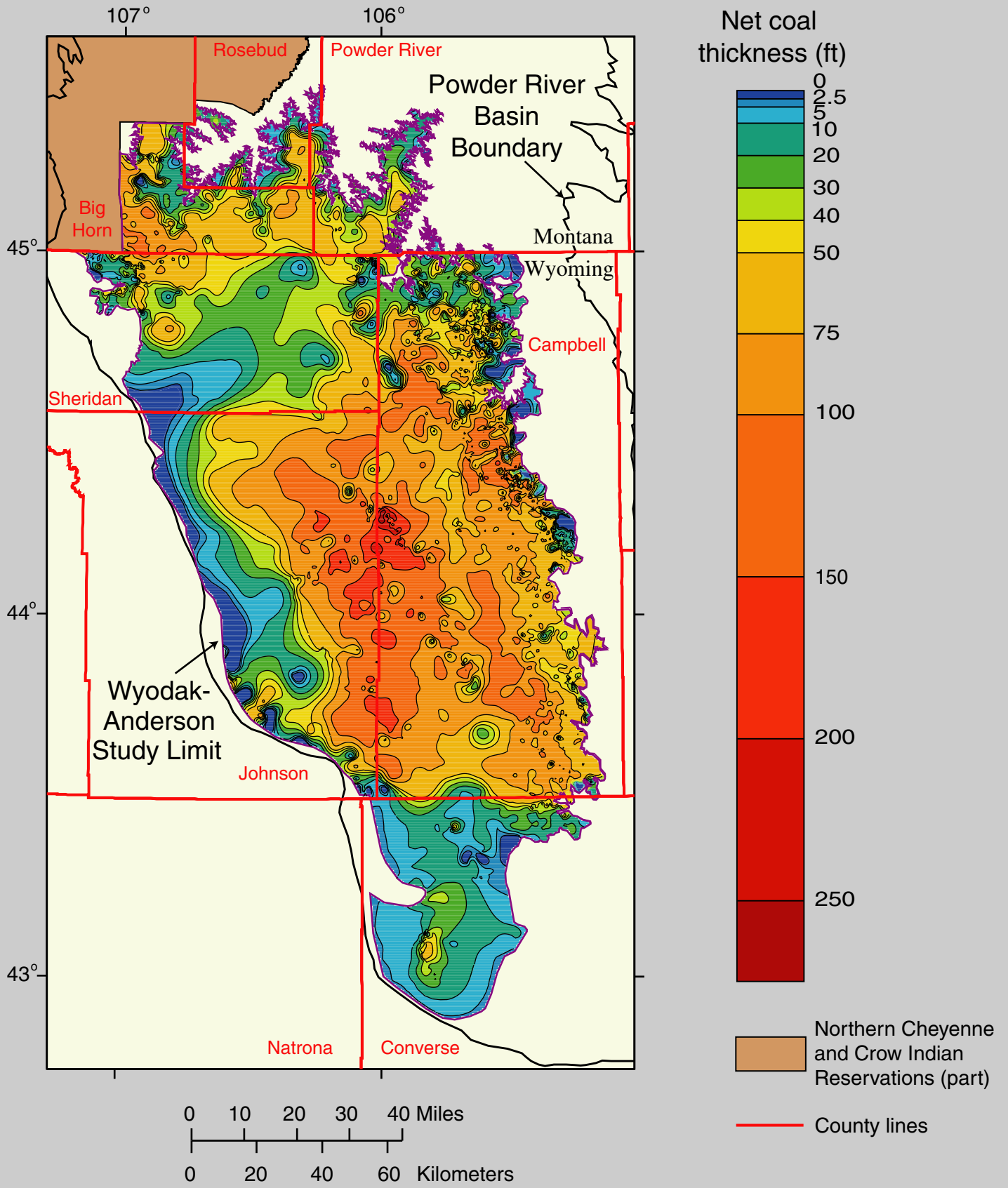


Figure PN-3. Wyodak-Anderson net coal isopach map.

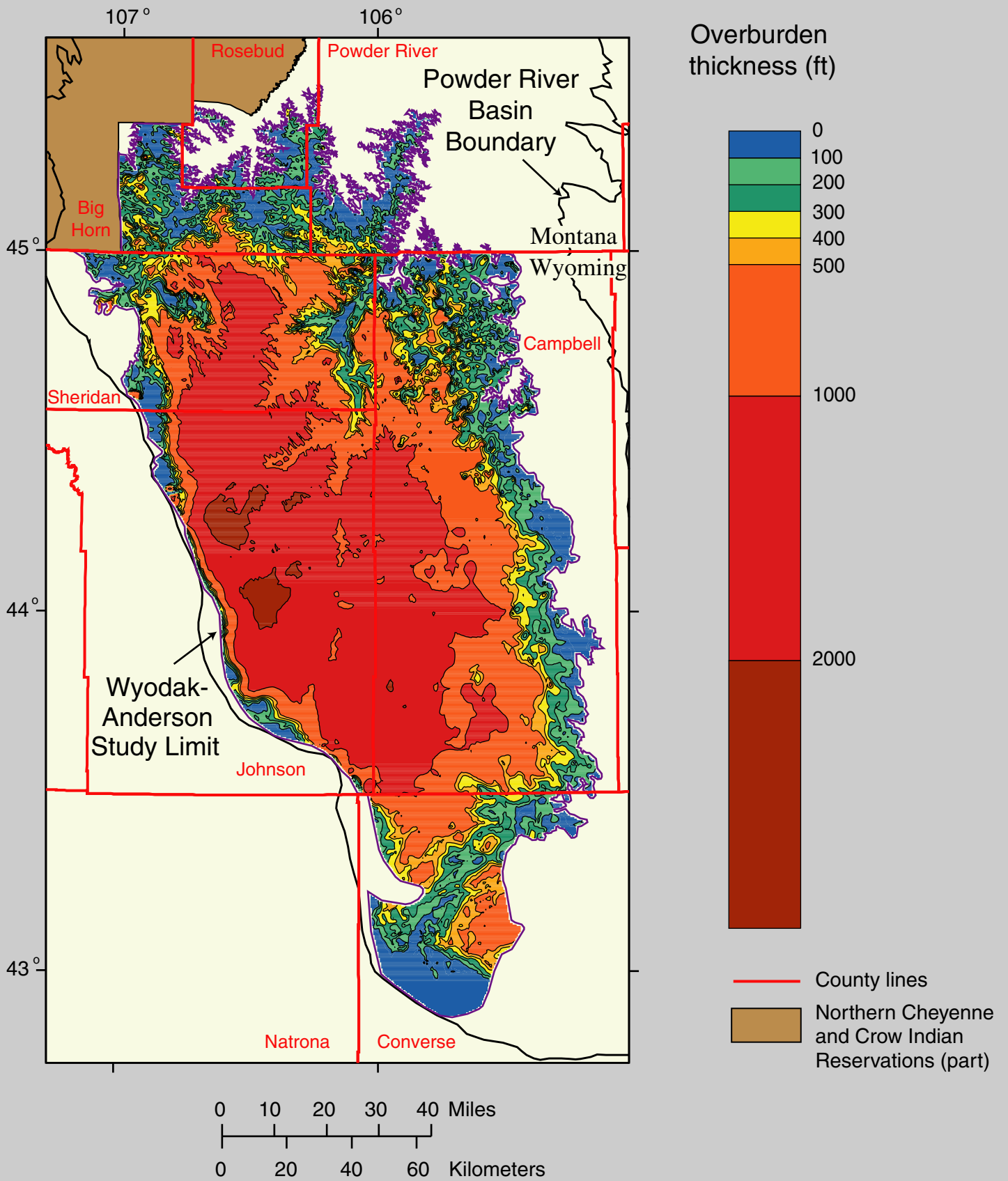
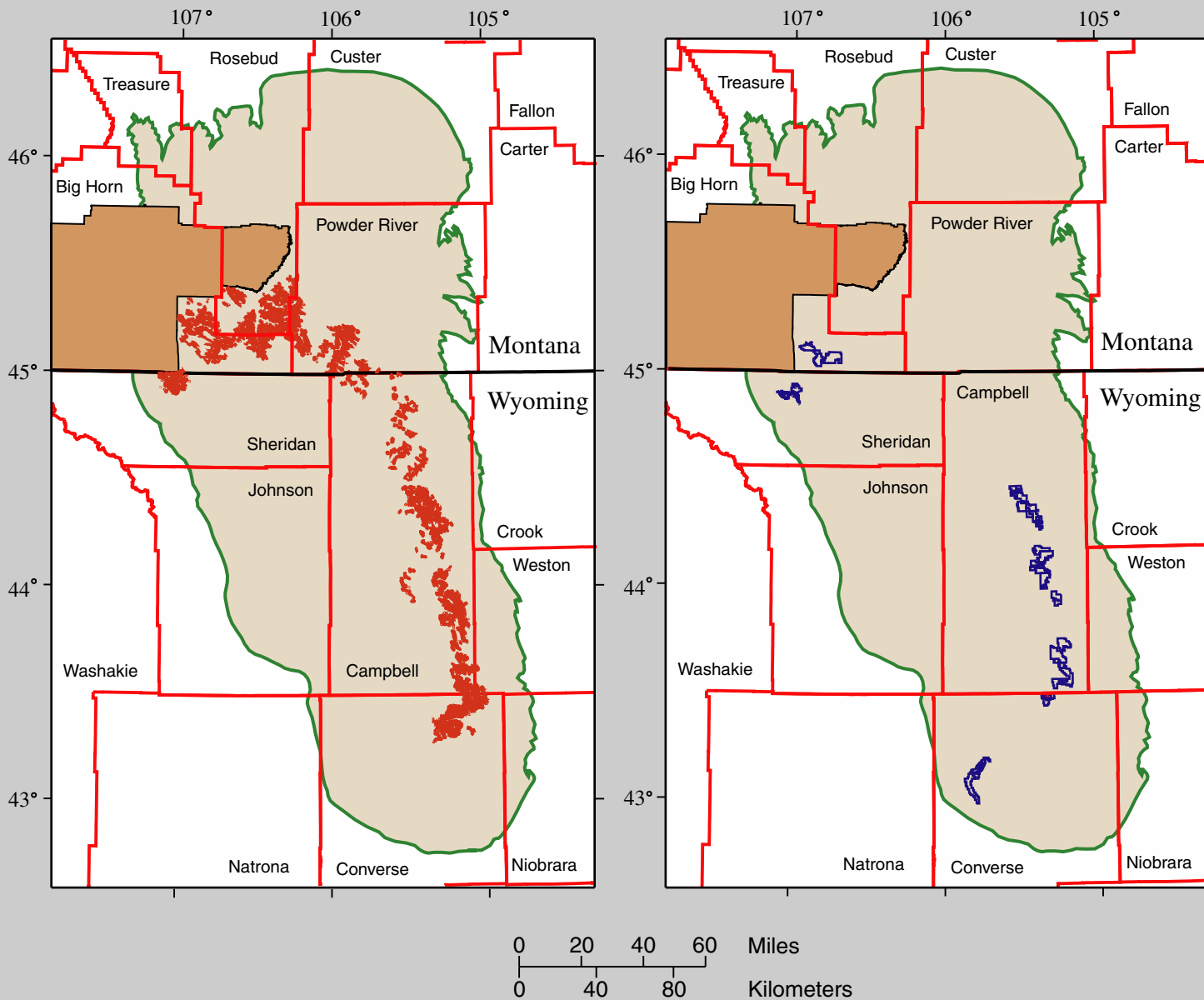


Figure PN-4. Wyodak-Anderson overburden isopach map.



KEY

- Powder River Basin boundary
- County lines
- State line
- Wyodak-Anderson clinker
- Wyodak-Anderson mines and lease areas
- Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indian Reservations (part)
- Resource area (Area meeting resource criteria--does not include areas with mines, leases, clinker, or net coal < 2.5 ft thick)

Index Map Showing Area Included in Resource Calculations

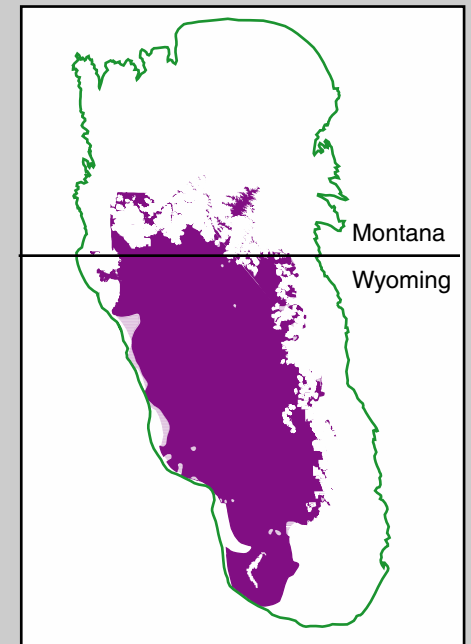


Figure PN-5. Wyodak-Anderson clinker, mine and lease areas, and resource area, Powder River Basin, Wyoming.

Table PN-1. Wyodak-Anderson coal resources in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana, reported by State, county, overburden thickness (fig. PN-4), net coal thickness (fig. PN-3), and reliability categories. Resources are shown in millions of short tons (MST) with two significant figures. Zeros (0) indicate that no coal resources were calculated within those categories. The table does not include resources in Wyodak-Anderson mine or lease areas, areas containing Wyodak-Anderson clinker, or areas where coal is less than 2.5 ft thick (fig. PN-5). Resource numbers will not sum to match totals due to independent rounding

State	County	Overburden thickness	Net coal thickness	Reliability categories (distance from control point)				Total (MST)
				Measured (<1/4 mi)	Indicated (1/4-3/4 mi)	Inferred (3/4-3 mi)	Hypothetical (>3 mi)	
Montana	BIG HORN	0-100 ft	2.5-5 ft	0	0.35	2.3	0	2.7
			5-10 ft	0.26	0.20	10	0	10
			10-20 ft	21	54	79	0	150
			20-40 ft	120	420	240	0	780
			>40 ft	650	2,100	1,100	0	3,900
			0-100 ft total	790	2,600	1,500	0	4,900
		100-200 ft	2.5-5 ft	0	0.29	0.76	0	1.0
			5-10 ft	0	1.9	6.6	0	8.4
			10-20 ft	11	41	36	0	89
			20-40 ft	92	350	220	0	670
			>40 ft	1,000	3,200	1,400	0	5,700
			100-200 ft total	1,100	3,600	1,700	0	6,400
		200-500 ft	2.5-5 ft	0.14	0.40	0.076	0	0.61
			5-10 ft	0	4.1	0.55	0	4.6
			10-20 ft	2.9	28	64	0	95
			20-40 ft	27	140	430	0	600
			>40 ft	1,500	7,300	5,100	0	14,000
			200-500 ft total	1,500	7,500	5,600	0	15,000
		>500 ft	2.5-5 ft	0	0.25	0	0	0.25
			5-10 ft	0.75	1.2	0	0	2.0
			10-20 ft	0.95	0.15	0	0	1.1
			20-40 ft	3.4	1.1	0	0	4.5
			>40 ft	190	1,100	1,400	0	2,700
			>500 ft total	200	1,100	1,400	0	2,700
BIG HORN total				3,600	15,000	10,000	0	29,000

Table PN-1. Wyodak-Anderson coal resources—continued

State	County	Overburden thickness	Net coal thickness	Reliability categories (distance from control point)				Total (MST)
				Measured (<1/4 mi)	Indicated (1/4-3/4 mi)	Inferred (3/4-3 mi)	Hypothetical (>3 mi)	
Montana	POWDER RIVER	0-100 ft	2.5-5 ft	0.42	1.0	19	4.1	25
			5-10 ft	2.3	15	110	13	140
			10-20 ft	59	260	450	32	800
			20-40 ft	220	930	670	93	1,900
			>40 ft	200	730	760	40	1,700
		0-100 ft total		490	1,900	2,000	180	4,600
		100-200 ft	2.5-5 ft	0	0	3.8	0.52	4.3
			5-10 ft	0.55	6.6	39	4.3	51
			10-20 ft	2.0	47	140	14	200
			20-40 ft	30	180	370	50	630
			>40 ft	130	730	730	7.1	1,600
		100-200 ft total		160	970	1,300	75	2,500
	200-500 ft	2.5-5 ft	0	0	0.7	0	0.70	
		5-10 ft	0	2.0	8.9	1.4	12	
		10-20 ft	0	3.4	27	9.2	40	
		20-40 ft	9.5	88	180	24	300	
		>40 ft	200	1,100	2,200	0	3,500	
	200-500 ft total		210	1,100	2,400	34	3,800	
	>500 ft	>40 ft	0	0.53	0	0	0.53	
	>500 ft total		0	0.53	0	0	0.53	
POWDER RIVER total		860	4,100	5,700	290	11,000		
ROSEBUD	0-100 ft	2.5-5 ft	0.38	0.47	6.3	1.5	8.6	
		5-10 ft	11	31	66	30	140	
		20-40 ft	29	120	180	0	320	
		>40 ft	62	330	220	0	610	
	0-100 ft total		120	590	610	56	1,400	
	100-200 ft	2.5-5 ft	0	0.46	4.2	0.094	4.8	
		5-10 ft	2.4	15	24	8.3	50	
10-20 ft		7.2	34	79	16	140		
20-40 ft		9.4	89	110	0	210		
100-200 ft total		94	470	560	25	1,200		

Table PN-1. Wyodak-Anderson coal resources—continued

State	County	Overburden thickness	Net coal thickness	Reliability categories (distance from control point)				Total (MST)	
				Measured (<1/4 mi)	Indicated (1/4-3/4 mi)	Inferred (3/4-3 mi)	Hypothetical (>3 mi)		
Montana	ROSEBUD	200-500 ft	2.5-5 ft	0	0	0.61	0	0.61	
			5-10 ft	0.097	6.2	9.6	4.0	20	
			10-20 ft	0	20	61	7.0	89	
			20-40 ft	3.4	3.9	19	0	26	
			>40 ft	11	82	27	0	120	
		200-500 ft total		15	110	120	11	250	
	ROSEBUD total			230	1,200	1,300	92	2,800	
Montana total				4,700	20,000	17,000	380	42,000	
Wyoming	CAMPBELL	0-100 ft	2.5-5 ft	3.6	9.6	57	12	83	
			5-10 ft	24	36	83	33	180	
			10-20 ft	140	140	300	32	620	
			20-40 ft	380	780	1,100	0	2,300	
			>40 ft	1,900	4,400	2,900	420	9,600	
			0-100 ft total		2,500	5,300	4,500	490	13,000
		100-200 ft	2.5-5 ft	1.1	5.4	14	0.58	21	
			5-10 ft	6.9	32	31	5.6	76	
			10-20 ft	55	180	140	2.7	380	
			20-40 ft	290	880	660	3.3	1,800	
			>40 ft	3,200	6,800	1,800	0	12,000	
			100-200 ft total		3,500	7,900	2,600	12	14,000
		200-500 ft	2.5-5 ft	3.5	9.5	5.3	0.73	19	
			5-10 ft	31	49	23	0.96	100	
10-20 ft	120		360	200	0	680			
20-40 ft	540		1,400	830	0	2,800			
>40 ft	9,300		29,000	11,000	20	49,000			
	200-500 ft total		10,000	30,000	12,000	22	52,000		

Table PN-1. Wyodak-Anderson coal resources—continued

State	County	Overburden thickness	Net coal thickness	Reliability categories (distance from control point)				Total (MST)	
				Measured (<1/4 mi)	Indicated (1/4-3/4 mi)	Inferred (3/4-3 mi)	Hypothetical (>3 mi)		
Wyoming	CAMPBELL	>500 ft	2.5-5 ft	0.25	3.8	9.0	0	13	
			5-10 ft	2.3	18	59	0	79	
			10-20 ft	1.3	37	160	0	200	
			20-40 ft	120	390	1,400	49	1,900	
			>40 ft	13,000	57,000	120,000	6,900	200,000	
		>500 ft total	13,000	58,000	130,000	6,900	200,000		
	CAMPBELL total				29,000	100,000	140,000	7,500	280,000
	CONVERSE	0-100 ft	2.5-5 ft	0.10	0.36	1.8	190	200	
			5-10 ft	1.6	21	80	620	720	
			10-20 ft	41	280	570	380	1,300	
			20-40 ft	92	440	650	22	1,200	
			>40 ft	46	100	280	0	430	
		0-100 ft total			180	850	1,600	1,200	3,800
		100-200 ft	2.5-5 ft	0.33	1.1	15	30	46	
			5-10 ft	1.4	17	89	120	230	
			10-20 ft	47	230	370	54	700	
			20-40 ft	76	360	440	88	960	
			>40 ft	65	270	100	0	440	
		100-200 ft total			190	880	1,000	300	2,400
		200-500 ft	2.5-5 ft	1.6	7.3	92	92	190	
			5-10 ft	20	97	290	710	1,100	
			10-20 ft	70	350	960	530	1,900	
			20-40 ft	41	260	730	230	1,200	
>40 ft			150	480	230	0	860		
200-500 ft total			280	1,200	2,300	1,600	5,300		
>500 ft	2.5-5 ft	2.3	14	16	2.4	35			
	5-10 ft	20	120	430	430	1,000			
	10-20 ft	22	150	590	1,000	1,800			
	20-40 ft	1.3	20	350	340	710			
	>40 ft	0	0	190	0	190			
>500 ft total			45	300	1,600	1,800	3,700		
CONVERSE total				700	3,200	6,500	4,900	15,000	

Table PN-1. Wyodak-Anderson coal resources—continued

State	County	Overburden thickness	Net coal thickness	Reliability categories (distance from control point)				Total (MST)	
				Measured (<1/4 mi)	Indicated (1/4-3/4 mi)	Inferred (3/4-3 mi)	Hypothetical (>3 mi)		
Wyoming	JOHNSON	0-100 ft	2.5-5 ft	0	2.3	3.3	10	16	
			5-10 ft	0	5.6	13	9.9	28	
			10-20 ft	5.4	15	52	26	99	
			20-40 ft	33	62	42	10	150	
			>40 ft	32	82	150	0	270	
		0-100 ft total			71	170	260	56	560
		100-200 ft	2.5-5 ft	0	2.3	2.0	10	15	
			5-10 ft	0	4.0	4.3	12	20	
			10-20 ft	2.0	5.3	17	8.5	33	
			20-40 ft	9.2	42	100	7.9	160	
			>40 ft	30	130	220	0	380	
		100-200 ft total			41	180	350	39	610
		200-500 ft	2.5-5 ft	0	2.9	4.7	36	44	
			5-10 ft	0.036	7.0	17	85	110	
	10-20 ft		5.6	25	74	38	140		
	20-40 ft		23	72	440	23	560		
	>40 ft		32	310	1,300	16	1,600		
	200-500 ft total			61	410	1,800	200	2,500	
	>500 ft	2.5-5 ft	1.6	6.6	33	88	130		
		5-10 ft	5.7	49	500	420	970		
		10-20 ft	20	130	1,500	1,200	2,900		
20-40 ft		85	620	5,000	3,200	9,000			
>40 ft		6,800	32,000	96,000	7,700	140,000			
>500 ft total			6,900	33,000	100,000	13,000	160,000		
JOHNSON total			7,100	34,000	110,000	13,000	160,000		
SHERIDAN	0-100 ft	2.5-5 ft	0.053	8.2	2.2	22	33		
		5-10 ft	12	40	11	37	100		
		10-20 ft	36	170	120	40	370		
		20-40 ft	45	230	420	5.5	700		
		>40 ft	100	350	740	0	1,200		
	0-100 ft total			200	790	1,300	110	2,400	

Table PN-1. Wyodak-Anderson coal resources—continued

State	County	Overburden thickness	Net coal thickness	Reliability categories (distance from control point)				Total (MST)	
				Measured (<1/4 mi)	Indicated (1/4-3/4 mi)	Inferred (3/4-3 mi)	Hypothetical (>3 mi)		
Wyoming	SHERIDAN	100-200 ft	2.5-5 ft	1.4	4.1	2.0	15	23	
			5-10 ft	4.6	11	14	51	81	
			10-20 ft	22	62	90	54	230	
			20-40 ft	98	410	660	46	1,200	
			>40 ft	290	620	850	81	1,800	
		100-200 ft total			420	1,100	1,600	250	3,400
		200-500 ft	2.5-5 ft	1.4	8.1	7.6	16	33	
			5-10 ft	6.7	23	20	49	98	
			10-20 ft	34	160	530	180	910	
			20-40 ft	260	1,100	3,400	370	5,100	
			>40 ft	840	3,700	6,500	220	11,000	
		200-500 ft total			1,100	4,900	11,000	840	17,000
		>500 ft	2.5-5 ft	0.51	3.0	4.7	87	95	
			5-10 ft	4.9	33	73	580	690	
			10-20 ft	23	140	760	1,600	2,500	
20-40 ft	120		790	7,800	5,200	14,000			
>40 ft	310		1,800	8,600	1,300	12,000			
>500 ft total			450	2,700	17,000	8,700	29,000		
SHERIDAN total			2,200	9,600	31,000	9,900	52,000		
Wyoming total			39,000	150,000	290,000	35,000	510,000		
Grand total (MST)			44,000	170,000	300,000	36,000	550,000		

Table PN-2. Wyodak-Anderson coal resources in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana, reported by State and by 7.5-minute quadrangle map area (see location map (fig. PN-1) and quadrangle key (table PN-4)). Resources are shown in millions of short tons (MST) with 2 significant figures. The table does not include resources in mine or lease areas, areas containing Wyodak-Anderson clinker, or areas where coal is less than 2.5 ft thick (fig. PN-5). Resource numbers will not sum to match totals due to independent rounding

State	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Total (MST)	State	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Total (MST)
Montana	ACME	160	Montana	HOLMES RANCH	2,700
	BAR N DRAW	150		KING MOUNTAIN	22
	BAR V RANCH	320		KIRBY	1,700
	BAR V RANCH NE	740		LACEY GULCH	1,100
	BEAR CREEK SCHOOL	2,700		MONARCH	1.2
	BIRNEY	74		MOORHEAD	43
	BAY HORSE	2.1		O T O RANCH	140
	BIRNEY DAY SCHOOL	2.2		OTTER	630
	BIRNEY SW	130		PEARL SCHOOL	4,600
	BLACK DRAW	51		PHILLIPS BUTTE	600
	BLOOM CREEK	65		PINE BUTTE SCHOOL	3,400
	BOX ELDER DRAW	89		POKER JIM BUTTE	1,000
	BRADSHAW CREEK	1,100		QUIETUS	3,500
	BROWNS MOUNTAIN	60		REANUS CONE	360
	CABIN CREEK NE	150		ROUNDUP DRAW	110
	CABIN CREEK NW	150		SAYLE	1,100
	CEDAR CANYON	130		SAYLE HALL	2,600
	CLUBFOOT CREEK	2.4		SONNETTE	46
	COOK CREEK BUTTE	81		SPRING CREEK RANCH	47
	DECKER	1,900		SPRING GULCH	790
FORKS RANCH	2,700	STROUD CREEK	1,000		
FORT HOWES	160	TAINTOR DESERT	1,100		
GOODSPEED BUTTE	43	THREE BAR RANCH	39		
GREEN CREEK	56	THREEMILE BUTTES	3.4		
HALF MOON HILL	1,600	TONGUE RIVER DAM	250		
HAMILTON DRAW	2,400	Montana total		42,000	
HODSDON FLATS	210				

Table PN-2. Wyoming-Anderson coal resources—continued

State	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Total (MST)	State	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Total (MST)
Wyoming	ACME	2,700	Wyoming	CALF CREEK	3,400
	ALTA CREEK	6.0		CARR DRAW	7,800
	ANTELOPE DRAW	59		CEDAR CANYON	2,700
	APPEL BUTTE	5,000		CLEARMONT	1,500
	ARPAN BUTTE	2,800		COAL BANK DRAW	64
	ARTESIAN DRAW	4,600		COAL DRAW NORTH	1,200
	ARVADA	2,200		COAL DRAW SOUTH	230
	ARVADA NE	3,700		COAL HILL	1,300
	BAKER SPRING	4,200		COON TRACK CREEK	51
	BANNER	93		CORRAL CREEK	1,600
	BAR N DRAW	2,900		COYOTE DRAW	1,400
	BAY HORSE	0.25		CRAZY WOMAN RANCH	2,700
	BEAR CREEK	680		CROTON	6,200
	BEAR DRAW	6,700		DEAD HORSE LAKE	1,300
	BEAUCHAMP RESERVOIR	29		DOUBLE TANKS	7,500
	BETTY RESERVOIR	1,700		DRY CREEK RESERVOIR	570
	BIG HORN	520		DRY FORK RANCH	7,300
	BLACK DRAW	1,200		DUGOUT CREEK NORTH	840
	BOBBY DRAW	67		DUGOUT CREEK SOUTH	2.7
	BOGIE DRAW	6,900		EAGLE ROCK	4,200
	BOON	3,400		ECHETA	4,900
	BOWMAN FLAT	7,000		ELAINE DRAW	620
	BOX ELDER DRAW	1,200		FATS DRAW	7,300
	BROWN RANCH	750		FAWN DRAW	2,600
	BUFFALO	1600		FIGURE 8 RESERVOIR	670
	BUFFALO NE	3,300		FLOATE DRAW	5,900
	BUFFALO RUN CREEK	880		FLY DRAW	250
BUFFALO SE	3,900	FORT RENO	3,600		
CABIN CREEK NE	1,400	FORT RENO SE	7,600		
CABIN CREEK NW	2,500	FORTIN DRAW	390		
CABIN CREEK SE	2,400	FOUR BAR J RANCH	4,600		

Table PN-2. Wyoming-Anderson coal resources—continued

State	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Total (MST)	State	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Total (MST)
Wyoming	FOURMILE RESERVOIR	2,000	Wyoming	LEITER	1,600
	FREDRICK DRAW	4,500		LEUENBERGER RANCH	480
	GARDNER GULCH	2,000		LINCH	390
	GILBERT LAKE	80		LITTLE BEAR CREEK	1.2
	GILLAM DRAW EAST	1.1		LITTLE THUNDER RESERVOIR	5,700
	GILLETTE EAST	2,400		LIVINGSTON DRAW	5,700
	GILLETTE WEST	4,900		MACKEN DRAW	670
	GLENROCK NW	96		MARSH DRAW	330
	GREASEWOOD RESERVOIR	4,700		MITCHELL DRAW	6,000
	GUMBO HILL	390		MONARCH	690
	HILIGHT	3,500		MOORHEAD	1.8
	HOE RANCH	4,600		MORGAN DRAW	9,700
	HOLDUP HOLLOW	770		MOYER SPRINGS	530
	HOMESTEAD DRAW	480		NEGRO BUTTE	9,200
	HOMESTEAD DRAW SW	2,700		NEIL BUTTE	2,200
	HORSE HILL	1,100		NORTH BUTTE	8,000
	HOUSE CREEK	4,700		NORTH RIDGE	78
	HULTZ DRAW	240		O T O RANCH	2,200
	HYLTON RANCH	590		OLIVER DRAW	36
	JEFFERS DRAW	4,500		OPEN A RANCH	430
	JEWELL DRAW	3,900		ORIVA	4,400
	JONES DRAW	1,700		ORIVA NW	5,100
	JULIO DRAW	2,800		PATSY DRAW	33
	JUNIPER DRAW	7,900		PEPSSON DRAW	5,500
	KAYCEE NE	110		PINE GULCH	5,100
	KLINE DRAW	3,200		PINE TREE	4,200
LAKE DE SMET EAST	2,200	PINEY CANYON NW	110		
LAKE DE SMET WEST	380	PINEY CANYON SW	520		
LAREY DRAW	3,800	PITCH DRAW	1,100		
LARIAT	5,200	PLEASANTDALE	5,300		
LASKIE DRAW	9,500	PLOESSERS DRAW	5,700		

Table PN-2. Wyodak-Anderson coal resources—continued

State	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Total (MST)	State	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Total (MST)
Wyoming	PROVENCE RANCH	2,000	Wyoming	SOUTH BUTTE	5,300
	PURDY RESERVOIR	35		SOUTH FORK RESERVOIR	900
	RANCHESTER	180		SPOTTED HORSE	5,400
	RATTLESNAKE DRAW	4,000		STORY	7.5
	RAWHIDE SCHOOL	4,300		SUICIDE HILL	1,100
	RECLUSE	3,400		SUSSEX	1,900
	RED HILL	630		T A RANCH	310
	RENO FLATS	4,300		T A RANCH NE	1,400
	RENO JUNCTION	6,000		TAYLOR RANCH	2,600
	RENO RESERVOIR	3,100		TECKLA	3,700
	RESERVOIR CREEK	2,600		TECKLA SW	4,800
	ROCKY BUTTE	100		THE GAP	3,800
	ROCKY BUTTE GULCH	6,200		THE GAP SW	3,200
	ROCKY BUTTE SW	240		THE NIPPLE	7,300
	ROLLING PIN RANCH	7,000		THOMPSON DRAW	720
	ROSS	770		THREE BAR RANCH	1.2
	ROSS FLAT	1,200		THREEMILE CREEK RESERVOIR	6,400
	ROUGH CREEK	1,500		TRABING	450
	ROUNDUP DRAW	1,500		TRUMAN DRAW	6,200
	S R SPRINGS	1,300		TURNERCREST	2,900
	SADDLE HORSE BUTTE	370		TWENTYMILE BUTTE	4,600
	SAVAGETON	5,600		UCROSS	2,700
	SAWMILL CANYON	33		ULM	710
	SCAPER RESERVOIR	5,900		VERONA	630
	SCOTT DAM	5,600		WAGS PINNACLE	5,800
	SEVEN L CREEK EAST	59		WESTON SW	100
SHERIDAN	1,100	WHIPPLE HOLLOW	400		
SHULER DRAW	1,500	WHITE TAIL BUTTE	1,500		
SOLDIER CREEK	1,100	WILDCAT	4,100		
SOMERVILLE FLATS EAST	6,800	WYARNO	2,700		
SOMERVILLE FLATS WEST	7,300	Wyoming total	510,000		
		Grand total (MST)	550,000		

Table PN-3. Wyodak-Anderson coal resources in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming and Montana, reported by State and by Federal coal and surface ownership (fig. PN-2) (Biewick and others, 1998). Resources are shown in millions of short tons (MST) with 2 significant figures. The table does not include resources in mine or lease areas, areas containing Wyodak-Anderson clinker, or areas where coal is less than 2.5 ft thick (fig. PN-5). Resource numbers will not sum to match totals due to independent rounding

State	Federal ownership	Total (MST)
Montana	No Federal coal or surface ownership	3,900
	No Federal coal ownership, but Federal surface ownership	2.9
	Federal coal ownership, but no Federal surface ownership	32,000
	Federal coal and surface ownership	6,700
Montana total		42,000
Wyoming	No Federal coal or surface ownership	64,000
	No Federal coal ownership, but Federal surface ownership	1,900
	Federal coal ownership, but no Federal surface ownership	360,000
	Federal coal and surface ownership	79,000
Wyoming total		510,000
Grand total (MST)		550,000

Table PN-4. Key to 7.5-minute quadrangle maps in the Wyodak-Anderson study limit, Powder River Basin. See coal resources listed by quadrangle area ([table PN-2](#)) and quadrangle location map ([fig. PN-1](#))

Number	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Number	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Number	7.5-minute quadrangle map
1	COOK CREEK BUTTE	31	BAR V RANCH	61	WYARNO
2	CLUBFOOT CREEK	32	PEARL SCHOOL	62	JONES DRAW
3	BIRNEY DAY SCHOOL	33	DECKER	63	S R SPRINGS
4	GREEN CREEK	34	HOLMES RANCH	64	SHULER DRAW
5	KING MOUNTAIN	35	PINE BUTTE SCHOOL	65	GARDNER GULCH
6	THREEMILE BUTTES	36	FORKS RANCH	66	FAWN DRAW
7	SONNETTE	37	QUIETUS	67	CABIN CREEK SE
8	SPRING CREEK RANCH	38	BEAR CREEK SCHOOL	68	KLINE DRAW
9	KIRBY	39	SAYLE HALL	69	RESERVOIR CREEK
10	TAINTOR DESERT	40	BRADSHAW CREEK	70	HOMESTEAD DRAW SW
11	BIRNEY SW	41	MOORHEAD	71	WHITE TAIL BUTTE
12	BIRNEY	42	THREE BAR RANCH	72	ROCKY BUTTE SW
13	BROWNS MOUNTAIN	43	BAY HORSE	73	BEAVER CREEK HILLS
14	POKER JIM BUTTE	44	RANCHESTER	74	BIG HORN
15	FORT HOWES	45	MONARCH	75	BUFFALO RUN CREEK
16	GOODSPEED BUTTE	46	ACME	76	VERONA
17	PHILLIPS BUTTE	47	BAR N DRAW	77	ULM
18	HODSDON FLATS	48	CEDAR CANYON	78	CLEARMONT
19	BAR V RANCH NE	49	O T O RANCH	79	LEITER
20	HALF MOON HILL	50	ROUNDUP DRAW	80	ARVADA
21	TONGUE RIVER DAM	51	BOX ELDER DRAW	80	ARVADA
22	SPRING GULCH	52	CABIN CREEK NW	81	ARVADA NE
23	LACEY GULCH	53	CABIN CREEK NE	82	LAREY DRAW
24	STROUD CREEK	54	BLACK DRAW	83	SPOTTED HORSE
25	HAMILTON DRAW	55	DEAD HORSE LAKE	84	RECLUSE
26	OTTER	56	CORRAL CREEK	85	PITCH DRAW
27	REANUS CONE	57	HOMESTEAD DRAW	86	OLIVER DRAW
28	SAYLE	58	ROCKY BUTTE	87	STORY
29	BLOOM CREEK	59	HULTZ DRAW	88	BANNER
30	LITTLE BEAR CREEK	60	SHERIDAN	89	HORSE HILL

Table PN-4. Key to 7.5-minute quadrangle maps, Wyodak-Anderson study limit—continued

Number	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Number	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Number	7.5-minute quadrangle map
90	UCROSS	120	CARR DRAW	150	THE GAP SW
91	JULIO DRAW	121	JEFFERS DRAW	151	SADDLE HORSE BUTTE
92	ARPAN BUTTE	122	ORIVA	152	ANTELOPE DRAW
93	JEWELL DRAW	123	GILLETTE WEST	153	ELAINE DRAW
94	LARIAT	124	GILLETTE EAST	154	PROVENCE RANCH
95	CROTON	125	FORTIN DRAW	155	HOE RANCH
96	TRUMAN DRAW	126	KLONDIKE RANCH	156	THE NIPPLE
97	WILDCAT	127	T A RANCH	157	FATS DRAW
98	CALF CREEK	128	T A RANCH NE	158	WAGS PINNACLE
99	WESTON SW	129	CRAZY WOMAN RANCH	159	PEPSSON DRAW
100	STONE MOUNTAIN	130	PLOESSERS DRAW	160	THREEMILE CREEK RESERVOIR
101	LAKE DE SMET WEST	131	JUNIPER DRAW	161	EAGLE ROCK
102	LAKE DE SMET EAST	132	LASKIE DRAW	162	NEIL BUTTE
103	BUFFALO NE	133	MORGAN DRAW	163	ROUGH CREEK
104	FREDRICK DRAW	134	SCOTT DAM	164	DRY CREEK RESERVOIR
105	FLOATE DRAW	135	FOUR BAR J RANCH	165	FOURMILE RESERVOIR
106	MITCHELL DRAW	136	APPEL BUTTE	166	SOLDIER CREEK
107	LIVINGSTON DRAW	137	THE GAP	167	FORT RENO
108	ECHETA	138	COYOTE DRAW	168	FORT RENO SE
109	TWENTYMILE BUTTE	139	COON TRACK CREEK	169	NORTH BUTTE
110	ORIVA NW	140	PURDY RESERVOIR	170	SAVAGETON
111	RAWHIDE SCHOOL	141	TRABING	171	GREASEWOOD RESERVOIR
112	MOYER SPRINGS	142	BROWN RANCH	172	ROCKY BUTTE GULCH
113	NORTH RIDGE	143	BOON	173	RENO JUNCTION
114	BUFFALO	144	BOWMAN FLAT	174	HILIGHT
115	BUFFALO SE	145	NEGRO BUTTE	175	OPEN A RANCH
116	PINE GULCH	146	BOGIE DRAW	176	KAYCEE NE
117	BEAR DRAW	147	DOUBLE TANKS	177	FIGURE 8 RESERVOIR
118	SOMERVILLE FLATS WEST	148	PLEASANTDALE	178	SUSSEX
119	SOMERVILLE FLATS EAST	149	SCAPER RESERVOIR	179	HOUSE CREEK

Table PN-4. Key to 7.5-minute quadrangle maps, Wyodak-Anderson study limit—continued

Number	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Number	7.5-minute quadrangle map	Number	7.5-minute quadrangle map
180	DRY FORK RANCH	196	PINEY CANYON SW	212	SEVEN L CREEK EAST
181	ROLLING PIN RANCH	197	SAWMILL CANYON	213	FLY DRAW
182	SOUTH BUTTE	198	ROSS	214	SOUTH FORK RESERVOIR
183	BAKER SPRING	199	ROSS FLAT	215	SUICIDE HILL
184	RATTLESNAKE DRAW	200	MACKEN DRAW	216	RED HILL
185	LITTLE THUNDER RESERVOIR	201	COAL DRAW NORTH	217	PATSY DRAW
186	RENO RESERVOIR	202	BETTY RESERVOIR	218	BEAUCHAMP RESERVOIR
187	PINEY CANYON NW	203	DUGOUT CREEK NORTH	219	GUMBO HILL
188	LINCH	204	COAL BANK DRAW	220	COAL HILL
189	TAYLOR RANCH	205	GILLAM DRAW EAST	221	HOLDUP HOLLOW
190	ARTESIAN DRAW	206	MARSH DRAW	222	WHIPPLE HOLLOW
191	PINE TREE	207	THOMPSON DRAW	223	BOBBY DRAW
192	TURNERCREST	208	BEAR CREEK	224	GLENROCK NW
193	RENO FLATS	209	COAL DRAW SOUTH	225	HYLTON RANCH
194	TECKLA SW	210	ALTA CREEK	226	LEUENBERGER RANCH
195	TECKLA	211	DUGOUT CREEK SOUTH	227	GILBERT LAKE

Table PN-5. Data used for computation of confidence intervals within reliability categories for Wyodak-Anderson coal resources in the Powder River Basin. Volume refers to the calculated resource in millions of short tons (MST). NA, not applicable

Parameter	Reliability category				Entire area
	Measured	Indicated	Inferred	Hypothetical	
Area (in square meters)	1,488,759,443	5,670,020,546	11,140,313,431	3,612,068,158	21,911,161,578
Percent of area	7	26	51	16	100
Acres (area x 0.0002471)	367,880	1,401,092	2,752,831	892,561	5,414,365
SD (standard deviation (in ft) from semivariogram model)	18.38	22.78	26.67	26.89	NA
Acre feet (acres x SD)	6,759,910	31,921,428	73,423,804	24,000,492	NA
Volume standard deviation (MST)	227	1,634	10,675	43,028	55,564
Pseudo <i>n</i>	2,928	1,239	152	1	NA

Table PN-6. Estimates of uncertainty (calculated with measurement error) for Wyodak-Anderson coal resources in the Powder River Basin. To show detail, resources are reported in millions of short tons (MST) with four significant figures

Parameter	Reliability category				Entire area
	Measured	Indicated	Inferred	Hypothetical	
Total calculated resource (MST)	43,670	167,700	303,700	35,610	550,700
Lower 90% confidence limit (MST)	43,300	165,000	286,100	0	459,300
Upper 90% confidence limit (MST)	44,050	170,400	321,200	106,400	642,100