



**AIR, ENERGY, & MINING DIVISION:
COAL & OPENCUT MINING BUREAU-
COAL SECTION**

Information from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

2018 Annual Report

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Coal Mining

Acres Presently Bonded under Strip Mine Permits

Company	Mine	Permit #	Acres Permitted	Bond Retained
Westmoreland Resources Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	C1985005	7,110	\$25,550,593.00
Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Area A	C1983004CR	373	\$442,000.00
Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Area B	C1988004B	5,472	\$3,078,999.80
Coal Creek	Coal Creek	80009C	120	\$0.00
Signal Peak Energy, LLC	Bull Mountain Mine #1	C1993017	14,916	\$15,700,000.00
Decker Coal Company, LLC	East Decker Coal Mine	C1983007	4,361	\$68,546,782.00
Decker Coal Company, LLC	West Decker Coal Mine	C1987001C	7,357	\$63,892,855.00
Western Energy Company	Rosebud Mine Area A	C1986003A	4,315	\$32,750,000.00
Western Energy Company	Rosebud Mine Area B	C1984003B	6,045	\$73,650,000.00
Western Energy Company	Rosebud Mine Area C	C1985003C	9,382	\$47,300,000.00
Western Energy Company	Rosebud Mine Area D	C1986003D	4,475	\$13,400,000.00
Western Energy Company	Rosebud Mine Area E	C1981003E	1,026	\$1,190,812.00
Westmoreland Savage Corp.	Savage Coal Mine	C1984002	1,167	\$7,936,457.00
Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Mine	C1979012	9,220	\$108,550,000.00
Total:			75,339	\$461,988,498.80

**Coal Creek does not have a bond (Bond Forfeiture Site). This site is undergoing final reclamation by DEQ.*

Montana Coal Mining Companies

Active Coal Companies

Big Sky Coal Company
P.O. Box 97
Colstrip, MT 59323-0097

Signal Peak Energy, LLC
100 Portal Drive
Roundup, MT 59072

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

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

Spring Creek Mine, LLC
P.O. Box 67
Decker, MT 59025-0067

Western Energy Company
P.O. Box 99
Colstrip, MT 59323-0099

Westmoreland Savage Corp.
P.O. Box 30
Savage, MT 59262

Companies with Pending Mine Application

Otter Creek Coal, LLC
P.O. Box 7152
Billings, MT 59103

Western Energy Company (Area F)
P.O. Box 99
Colstrip, MT 59323-0099

Active Prospecting Companies

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

Signal Peak Energy, LLC
100 Portal Drive
Roundup, MT 59072

Great Northern Properties, LP
1415 Louisiana Street, Suite 2400
Houston, TX 77002

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

Spring Creek Mine, LLC
P.O. Box 67
Decker, MT 59025-0067

Western Energy Company
P.O. Box 99
Colstrip, MT 59323-0099

Pending Prospecting Companies

**No pending prospecting applications during this period.*

Coal Applications

Pending Mine Permit Applications

Western Energy Company

Rosebud Mine Area F
Application: C2011003F
Received: 11/2/2011
Declared Complete: 8/1/2012
Declared Acceptable: Pending
Issued: Pending

Otter Creek Coal, LLC

Otter Creek Mine
Application: C2012018
Received: 7/26/2012
Declared Complete: 12/14/2012
Declared Acceptable: Pending
Issued: Pending

Pending/Completed Amendments and Major Revisions at Existing Mines

Spring Creek Coal, LLC

Spring Creek Mine-C1979012
Application TR1: Major Revision
Received: 11/1/2013
Declared Complete: 12/6/2013
Declared Acceptable: Pending
Issued: Pending

Decker Coal Company, LLC

East Decker Coal Mine-C1983007
Application TR3: Major Revision
Received: 12/2/2016
Declared Complete: 3/31/2017
Declared Acceptable: 6/7/2018
Issued: Pending

Spring Creek Coal, LLC

Spring Creek Mine-C1979012
Application AM5: Amendment
Received: 12/30/2015
Declared Complete: 8/2/2016
Declared Acceptable: Pending
Issued: Pending

Western Energy Company

Rosebud Coal Mine Area B-C1984003B
Application AM5: Amendment
Received: 2/17/2017
Declared Complete: 5/24/2017
Declared Acceptable: Pending
Issued: Pending

Signal Peak Energy, LLC

Bull Mountain Mine #1-C1993017
Application TR3: Major Revision
Received: 8/3/2015
Declared Complete: 8/27/2015
Declared Acceptable: 7/2/2017
Issued: 9/1/2017

Renewals and Transfers at Existing Mines

Western Energy Company

Rosebud Mine Area C-C1985003C
Application RN7: Renewal
Received: 12/14/2016
Declared Complete: 1/20/2017
Declared Acceptable: 7/17/2017
Issued: 8/18/2017

Western Energy Company

Rosebud Mine Area A-C1986003A
Application RN7: Renewal
Received: 2/14/2017
Declared Complete: 3/20/2017
Declared Acceptable: 9/12/2017
Issued: 10/12/2017

Westmoreland Savage Corp

Savage Coal Mine-C1984002
Application RN7: Renewal
Received: 4/12/2017
Declared Complete: 6/27/2017
Declared Acceptable: 11/3/2017
Issued: 12/8/2017

Westmoreland Resources, Inc.

Absaloka Coal Mine-C1985005
Application RN7: Renewal
Received: 6/5/2017
Declared Complete: 7/14/2017
Declared Acceptable: 12/11/2017
Issued: 1/25/2018

Decker Coal Company, LLC

East Decker Coal Mine-C1983007
Application RN8: Renewal
Received: 10/26/2017
Declared Complete: 2/28/2018
Declared Acceptable: 5/1/2018
Issued: 6/14/2018

Signal Peak Energy, LLC

Bull Mountain Coal Mine #1-C1993017
Application RN4: Renewal
Received: 7/28/2017
Declared Complete: 10/19/2017
Declared Acceptable: 2/13/2018
Issued: 3/30/2018

Permitted and Disturbed Acreage

Company	Permit #	Permitted Acreage	Current Disturb	Facilities	Active Mining	Current Backfill	Current Soiled/Seeded	10-Year Seeded	Cumul. Disburb	Cumul. Backfill	Cumul. Soiled/Seeded	Cumul. 10-Year Seeded
Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	C1985005	7,110	70	577	813	78	0	36	5,035	3,645	2,977	2,667
Big Sky Coal Company	C1983004CR	373	0	0	0	0	0	30	1,666	1,666	1,666	1,476
Big Sky Coal Company	C1988004B	5,472	0	0	0	0	0	398	2,253	2,253	2,253	2,149
Signal Peak Energy, LLC	C1993017	14,916	5	588	0	5	0	0	623	35	23	0
Decker Coal Company	C1983007	4,361	99	1,011	943	-33	-35	-362	2,369	415	343	362
Western Energy Company	C1986003A	4,315	95.40	493.70	818.80	51.9	16	70	3,147	1,834.90	1,644	1,501
Western Energy Company	C1984003B	6,045	28	450	2,526	52	-56	0	4,292	1,316	1,146	971
Western Energy Company	C1985003C	9,382	32	782	1,959	100	0	117	6,961	4,220	3,611	1,894
Western Energy Company	C1986003D	4,475	-46	25	88	122	119	93	3,037	2,924	2,708	1,174
Western Energy Company	C1981003E	1,026	-35	0.10	0	0	0	0	1,213.10	1,213	1,216.90	1,216.90
Westmoreland Savage Corp.	C1984002	1,167	14	111	312	19	31	0	663	240	333	225
Spring Creek Coal	C1979012	9,220	126	1,086	2,455	25	62	7	4,879	1,338	1,319	585
Decker Coal Company	C1987001C	7,357	0	1,155	1,084	24	368	0	5,578	3,339	3,109	1,269
Total:		75,219	388.4	6,278.8	10,998.8	443.9	505	389	41,716.1	24,438.9	22,348.9	15,489.9

* Updated for Annual Report reporting year (January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017)

These numbers are collected from the current Annual Report reporting year (January 1, 2017-December 31, 2017) for each mine. 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.

Negative numbers are the results of corrections for errors in previous reports.

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 Includes all surface acreage which has been disturbed by mining, soil salvage, removal of vegetation (e.g. logging, etc.) to facilitate soil salvage, facilities construction, or occupied by facilities. Disturbed acreage is equivalent to the sum of current active mining + current facilities + current complete backfilled and graded.

4 Includes facilities present at the time of reporting, such as: roads, ramps, railroads, loadout facilities, mine offices, equipment storage areas, coal storage barns, dams and impoundments, soil stockpiles, overburden stockpiles, conveyor routes, etc. Includes all surface acreage which has been disturbed by mining, soil salvage, removal of vegetation (e.g. logging, etc.) to facilitate soil salvage, facilities construction, or occupied by facilities. Disturbed acreage is equivalent to the sum of current active mining + current facilities + current complete backfilled and graded.

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

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

7 Includes all surface which has been disturbed. (Cumulative Disturbance = **Facilities + Active Mining + Complete Backfill and Grading**)

Coal Enforcement

Active Violations from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

**No violations were issued during this period.*

Inspections, Maintenance Items, and Minor Revisions

Company	Mine	Aerial Inspections	Complete Inspections	Partial Inspections	New Maintenance Items	Completed Maintenance Items	Minor Revisions Received	Minor Revisions Approved
Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	3	6	6	13	10	2	3
Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	1	4	0	1	0	1	0
Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area B	1	4	0	0	0	0	0
Signal Peak Energy, LLC	Bull Mountain Coal Mine #1	3	8	4	10	5	6	5
Coal Creek	Coal Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Decker Coal Company	East Decker Coal Mine	3	6	6	6	5	12	11
Decker Coal Company	West Decker Coal Mine	3	7	6	7	4	2	3
Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	3	6	6	6	4	4	3
Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	3	5	7	7	6	5	2
Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	3	6	7	5	7	4	3
Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	3	4	1	3	0	9	7
Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	1	5	2	0	1	0	0
Westmoreland Savage Corp.	Savage Coal Mine	0	7	5	0	0	2	3
Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Mine	3	7	6	5	3	10	8
Total:		30	75	56	63	45	57	48

Bond Release Activity

Completed Bond Releases

App #	Company	Site	Date Received	Date Released	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV	Undisturbed Acres	Amount Released
A	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	1/26/1979	1/31/1979	0					\$10,167.50
B	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	7/1/1980	7/28/1980				14		\$46,832.10
C	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	12/10/1982	10/25/1983				57		\$195,398.50
1	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	10/4/1983	11/19/1983				240		\$1,003,757.10
4	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	6/18/1985	2/20/1986	370					\$916,983.00
6	Blackjack Mine	Blackjack I Coal Mine	12/30/1986	2/25/1987	10					\$9,528.75
8	Hathaway	Hathaway Coal Mine	3/20/1987	5/27/1987	17					\$34,939.20
5	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	10/20/1986	7/23/1987	449.5	449.5				\$1,135,794.00
7	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	3/26/1987	1/4/1988	521					\$1,295,206.00
11	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	3/4/1988	6/7/1988	64					\$0.00
D	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	4/30/1987	6/23/1989				4.4		\$11,551.00
9	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	4/4/1989	1/3/1990	70.7					\$0.00
18	Western Energy Company	Pit 6	2/13/1990	7/8/1991				63.9		\$134,692.00
19	Blackjack Mine	Blackjack II Coal Mine	12/3/1990	7/12/1991		7		15.6		\$23,125.00
20	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	4/17/1991	8/5/1991	276.5					\$0.00
21	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	5/4/1993	8/24/1993	247					\$0.00
23	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	9/19/1994	6/22/1995		146				\$134,355.00
29	Signal Peak Energy, LLC	Bull Mountain Coal Mine #1	7/11/1995	4/9/1996		6.09				\$11,394.00
28	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	7/3/1995	6/6/1996	262					\$0.00
12	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	3/4/1988	6/7/1996	151.5	151.5				\$0.00
13	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	3/4/1988	6/7/1996	72					\$0.00
22	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	9/19/1994	6/7/1996		47.1				\$449,475.00
24	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	3/23/1995	6/7/1996		218				\$0.00
25	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	3/23/1995	6/7/1996	85.8	85.8				\$0.00

26	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	3/23/1995	6/7/1996	145	145				\$0.00
27	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	3/23/1995	6/7/1996		420.3				\$4,010,923.00
32	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	7/10/1996	7/30/1997	1	1				\$0.00
31	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	6/10/1996	7/31/1997		200				\$0.00
33	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	7/10/1996	7/31/1997	565	565				\$0.00
34	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	7/10/1996	7/31/1997		177.8				\$0.00
35	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	7/10/1996	7/31/1997		230.2				\$2,196,799.00
37	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	5/16/1997	9/3/1998	25	25				\$0.00
38	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	5/16/1997	9/3/1998	154	154				\$0.00
39-2	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	8/17/1998	5/13/1999		847				\$0.00
39-1	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	8/17/1998	5/13/1999	126.3					\$700,965.00
41	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	7/29/1989	2/2/2000		118.1				\$0.00
36	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	5/16/1997	2/2/2000		115				\$0.00
42	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	7/29/1998	2/2/2000		152				\$1,452,445.00
44	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	9/10/1999	4/5/2001		91				\$0.00
46	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	9/10/1999	4/5/2001		91.9				\$0.00
51-1	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	5/10/2000	11/19/2001	189.5					\$1,051,725.00
51-2	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	5/10/2000	11/19/2001		62.5				\$0.00
52	Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Coal Mine	3/2/2001	12/19/2001		63.9				\$0.00
53	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	8/9/2001	3/21/2002	608.5					\$16,650.00
10	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	1/26/1988	12/8/2003	823.43	823.43				\$9,085,762.80
57-1	Decker Coal Company, LLC	East Decker Coal Mine	9/24/2002	1/13/2004	362.3					\$0.00
57-2	Decker Coal Company, LLC	East Decker Coal Mine	9/24/2002	1/13/2004		81.4				\$198,322.51
58-1	Decker Coal Company, LLC	West Decker Coal Mine	9/24/2002	1/13/2004	1,384					\$0.00
58-2	Decker Coal Company, LLC	West Decker Coal Mine	9/24/2002	1/13/2004		523.9				\$943,737.91
48	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	4/10/2000	1/29/2004	42.8	42.8				\$0.00
49	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	4/10/2000	1/29/2004		91.7				\$0.00
50	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	4/10/2000	1/29/2004		251.2				\$0.00
30-A	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	1/26/1996	3/16/2004			49.6	49.6		\$0.00
30-B	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	1/26/1996	3/16/2004	52.2	52.2				\$108,252.00
59	Jesse Minor	Hathaway Coal Mine	1/23/2004	6/8/2004				18.08		\$23,292.00

68-1	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	8/30/2004	1/19/2005	276.5				\$0.00
68-2	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	8/31/2004	1/19/2005		557			\$0.00
43	Western Energy Company	Pit 6	2/17/1999	7/26/2005			500.5		\$1,085,805.00
60	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	4/26/2005	11/8/2005		595			\$6,565,265.00
56	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	9/25/2002	3/15/2006		442.6			\$1,163,135.10
66	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	9/21/2004	3/15/2006	623	623			\$0.00
73	Western Energy Company	Pit 6	10/13/2005	6/7/2006			20.4		\$44,988.00
71	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	2/1/2005	7/13/2006	79.9				\$102,747.00
74	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	4/28/2006	1/26/2007			172.4		\$0.00
77	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	7/7/2006	2/27/2007	112.2				\$0.00
67	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	4/26/2006	3/7/2007			101.4		\$0.00
76	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	4/28/2006	3/7/2007			157.37		\$0.00
61-2	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area B	5/31/2005	4/9/2007		494			\$1,185,939.00
75	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	4/27/2006	4/9/2007	254.7				\$820,860.00
61-1	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area B	5/31/2005	4/10/2007	996				\$1,199,308.00
79-1	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	8/25/2006	7/16/2007	293				\$0.00
79-1	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	8/25/2006	7/16/2007		346.5			\$0.00
62	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	8/4/2004	9/29/2007	93				\$299,321.00
78	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	5/22/2007	11/14/2007	109.9				\$0.00
84	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	7/2/2007	4/9/2008	192.2				\$0.00
80	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	9/15/2006	5/27/2008	7.3	7.3	1,319.5		\$1,037,185.91
81	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	5/14/2007	7/10/2008	229.6				\$0.00
85	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	11/20/2007	7/10/2008	226.9				\$0.00
86	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	11/26/2007	9/8/2008	381.6				\$0.00
83	Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Coal Mine	6/28/2007	11/19/2008		423			\$420,000.00
88	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	6/18/2008	12/15/2008			298		\$0.00
82	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	6/25/2007	12/19/2008		316.5			\$0.00
87	Westmoreland Savage Corp	Savage Coal Mine	7/21/2008	2/10/2009	130.5	130.5	130.5		\$0.00
90	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	8/15/2008	2/12/2009			116.2		\$0.00
89	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	8/8/2008	2/12/2009		13.3	489		\$0.00
91	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	9/19/2008	2/12/2009	6.5	40.5	346.6		\$168,348.00

97	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	6/12/2009	10/26/2009	72	388				\$0.00
96	Blackjack Mine	Blackjack I Coal Mine	3/11/2010	5/14/2010		10	10	10		\$2,000.00
103	Blackjack Mine	Blackjack II Coal Mine	3/11/2010	5/14/2010		7	7	7		\$1,400.00
95	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	5/29/2009	7/8/2010	129.2	11				\$1,312,050.08
94	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area B	7/6/2009	7/8/2010	662.9	1,228.8				\$2,267,776.40
109	Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Coal Mine	8/24/2010	2/15/2011	305	52.7				\$0.00
108	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area B	10/5/2010	2/15/2011			573.8			\$359,198.80
107	Decker Coal Company, LLC	West Decker Coal Mine	3/19/2010	3/22/2011	607.7					\$5,950,598.00
SL6	Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Coal Mine	8/25/2011	3/6/2012	157	29				\$0.00
110	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	7/11/2011	5/16/2012	340					\$0.00
SL7	Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Coal Mine	3/2/2012	9/28/2012	35.4	55.9				\$0.00
SL5	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	7/19/2012	2/27/2013	4.8	4.8	108.7			\$131,770.65
SL3	Decker Coal Company, LLC	East Decker Coal Mine	6/4/2012	5/8/2013	43	218				\$0.00
SL4	Decker Coal Company, LLC	West Decker Coal Mine	6/4/2012	5/8/2013	498	595				\$0.00
SL10	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	9/5/2012	7/11/2013	872					\$0.00
92	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	9/9/2010	4/4/2014	15	15	15	15		\$78,076.00
SL6	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	9/19/2012	7/30/2014	96	181				\$69,530.72
SL5	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area B	10/4/2012	7/30/2014	97	448	157			\$0.00
SL7	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	5/21/2014	11/14/2014				409		\$212,888.00
SL9	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	12/15/2014	2/24/2015					33	\$6,600.00
SL8	Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Coal Mine	7/2/2013	8/24/2015	60	158	407			\$0.00
SL14	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	3/9/2015	9/10/2015				347		\$0.00
SL15	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	2/20/2015	10/14/2015	1136					\$0.00
SL9	Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Coal Mine	9/2/2015	4/12/2016	158	148				\$0.00
SL8	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	5/21/2014	8/15/2016				442		\$229,788.00
SL4	Westmoreland Savage Corp	Savage Coal Mine	8/21/2015	8/30/2016				117		\$0.00
SL15	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	8/6/2015	12/1/2016				186		\$0.00
SL6	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area B	11/6/2015	12/1/2016	3	74	541			\$312,303.00
SL11	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	12/22/2015	12/1/2016	27	27	27	27		\$0.00
SL12	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	12/22/2015	12/1/2016	644					\$6,734,194.00
SL10	Big Sky Coal Company	Big Sky Coal Mine Area A	8/24/2016	8/9/2017	2	46	24	904		\$827,724.00

SL10	Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Coal Mine	10/19/2016	9/22/2017	84	37				\$0.00
SL19	Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	Absaloka Coal Mine	5/2/2016	5/18/2018		39	1,939			\$0.00
Total acres and bond amount released:					17,137.83	14,199.72	6,990.07	3,447.48	33	\$69,726,819.03

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

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 questions were double permitted, and An Act, other than the Montana Strip and Underground Mine Reclamation Act, had primacy.

App #	Company	Site	Date Received	Date Released	Phase	Acres Released	Amount Released
14	Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Coal Mine	11/14/1988	3/8/1989	N/A	0	\$2,942,816.00
15	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	2/6/1989	3/28/1989	N/A	0	\$1,206,539.00
16	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	2/6/1989	3/28/1989	N/A	0	\$5,643,638.00
17	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	2/6/1989	3/28/1989	N/A	0	\$2,142,954.00
	Decker Coal Company	East Decker Coal Mine	2/20/2002	3/6/2003	N/A	0	\$2,428,178.00
	Decker Coal Company	West Decker Coal Mine	2/20/2002	3/6/2003	N/A	0	\$24,557,298.00
	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E		10/1/2002	N/A	0	\$10,279,065.00
Total acres and bond amount released:						0	\$49,200,488.00

Pending Bond Release Applications

App #	Company	Site	Date Received	Date Released	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV	Undisturbed Acres	Amount Requested
SL3	Westmoreland Savage Corp.	Savage Coal Mine	8/20/2015	N/A	149	90				\$0.00
SL15	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	12/23/2015	N/A	100	127	376	875		\$225,812.00
SL16	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	12/23/2015	N/A	17	61	276	276		\$0.00
SL16	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	12/20/2016	N/A	197					\$0.00
SL4	Decker Coal Company, LLC	East Decker Coal Mine	7/17/2017	N/A		19				\$0.00
SL5	Decker Coal Company, LLC	West Decker Coal Mine	7/17/2017	N/A		1,319				\$0.00
SL11	Spring Creek Coal Company	Spring Creek Coal Mine	8/11/2017	N/A	27					\$0.00

SL13	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	2/6/2018	N/A	178	1,327	482			\$6,138,000.00
SL17	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	2/21/2018	N/A	440	1,723	479			\$6,510,000.00
SL16	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	5/3/2018	N/A	19	19	115	1,028		\$0.00
Total acres and bond amount requested:					1,127	4,685	1,728	1,151	0	\$12,873,812.00

Withdrawn or Denied Bond Release Applications

App #	Company	Site	Date Received	Status	Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV	Amount Requested
22	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	9/19/1994	Withdrawn			47.1		\$0.00
40	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	7/29/1998	Withdrawn	151	151			\$0.00
45	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	9/10/1999	Withdrawn	200	200			\$0.00
54	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	9/25/2002	Withdrawn		202.3			\$497,546.74
55	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area C	9/25/2002	Withdrawn		252			\$693,171.36
63	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area E	8/4/2004	Withdrawn			343.8		\$0.00
65	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	8/12/2004	Withdrawn			505.2		\$0.00
69	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area B	9/2/2004	Withdrawn			174.4		\$0.00
70	Westmoreland Savage Corp.	Savage Coal Mine	8/3/2005	Withdrawn			130		\$477,888.00
72	Spring Creek Coal, LLC	Spring Creek Coal Mine	8/5/2003	Withdrawn		352.9			\$300,000.00
93	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area D	7/29/2009	Denied	350.1				\$0.00
SL14	Western Energy Company	Rosebud Coal Mine Area A	8/6/2015	Withdrawn				514	\$0.00
Total acres and bond amount requested:					701.1	1,158.2	1,200.5	514	\$1,968,606.10

Coal Prospecting

Active Prospecting Permits by Company

Company	Permit #	County	Disturbed Acres	Bond Retained
Decker Coal Company	X2013340	Big Horn	86	\$44,824.00
Great Northern Properties, L.P.	X2013341	Powder River	30	\$22,853.60
Signal Peak Energy, LLC	X2012338	Musselshell	127	\$73,600.00
Signal Peak Energy, LLC	X2013342	Yellowstone	79	\$49,600.00
Spring Creek Coal, LLC	X2011336	Big Horn	56	\$42,434.00
Western Energy Company	X2004322	Rosebud	157	\$11,300.00
Western Energy Company	X2014343	Treasure	9	\$41,300.00
Westmoreland Resources, Inc.	X2012339	Big Horn	28	\$15,600.00
Total:			572	\$301,511.60

Prospecting Permits by County

County	Number of Permits	Total Acreage Permitted
Big Horn	3	170
Musselshell	1	127
Powder River	1	30
Rosebud	1	157
Treasure	1	9
Yellowstone	1	79
Total:	8	572

Expired Prospecting Permits-Bond Still Held

Company	Permit #	Last Renewed	County	Release Date	Acreage	Bond Amount
Peabody Coal Company	288	1984	Rosebud		18.3	\$29,200.00
Big Sky Coal Company	309	1993	Rosebud		1.2	\$11,000.00
Big Sky Coal Company	313	1997	Rosebud		15.8	\$25,800.00
Montco LLP	303	1997	Rosebud		10.5	\$20,500.00
Kennecott Energy	321	2006	Powder River		5.2	\$16,000.00
Coal Mountain Mining, LP	X2009330	2013	Carbon		24.0	\$35,198.00
Nelson Creek Coal, LLC	X2006325	2009	McCone		10	\$23,600.00
Otter Creek Coal, LLC	X2011334	2015	Powder River		55	\$21,000.00
Great Northern Project Development	X2012337	2015	Musselshell		39	\$28,500.00
American Power Corporation	X2011335	2012	Judith Basin		13	\$3,600.00
Total Bond yet held on Expired Prospecting Permits as of 06/30/2018:					192	\$214,398.00