

COAL PROSPECTING

PERMITS BY COMPANY

<u>Permit Holders</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Bond Held</u>	<u>Number of Acres</u>
Kiewit Mining Group (316)	Custer	15,500	4.9
Kiewit Mining Group (317)	Wibaux	10,000	0.2
Kiewit Mining Group (318)	Dawson	10,000	0.4
Kiewit Mining Group (319)	McCone	16,000	4.0
Kiewit Mining Group (320)	Prairie	12,500	1.6
Kennecott Energy (321)	Powder River	16,000	5.2
Western Energy Co. (322)	Rosebud	19400	9.4
Western Energy Co. (323)	Treasure	16,400	6.4
Totals		115,800	32.1

PROSPECTING PERMIT BY COUNTY

<u>County</u>	<u>Number of Permits</u>	<u>Total Acreage Permitted</u>
Custer	1	4.9
Wibaux	1	0.2
Dawson	1	0.4
McCone	1	4.0
Prairie	1	1.6
Powder River	1	5.2
Rosebud	1	9.4
Treasure	1	6.4
TOTAL	8	32.1

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	16.3	
288	84	Peabody Coal Co.	Rosebud	29,200	18.3	
309	93	Big Sky Coal Co.	Rosebud	11,000	1.2	
303	97	Montco LLP	Rosebud	20,500	10.5	
313	97	Big Sky Coal Co.	Rosebud	25,800	15.8	
307	2000	Montco LLP	Powder River	12,400	2.4	
Total Bond yet held on Prospecting Permits as of 7/1/2004				98,900	64.5	
312	2001	Spring Creek Coal Co.	Big Horn	27,600	14.1	December 2004
302	83	WCCO-KRC Acquisition Corp.	Richland	12,900	2.9	December 2004
310	97	Western Energy Co.	Rosebud	20,000	10.0	December 2004
Bonds Released since 7/1/2004				60,500	27	

The three bond releases listed involved using the Notice of Intent language to incorporate liability for reclamation into the SMP and releasing the prospecting permit bond. Liability Releases for 18 Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology Prospecting Permits were finalized in FY 04.