

DECISION

CBNG/Coal mining Conflicts

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Powder River Basin
Wyoming

Designation of Conflict Administration Zone (CAZ)

Pursuant to Washington Office Instruction Memorandum (2003-253), the Buffalo and Casper Field Offices of the Bureau of Land Management, Wyoming hereby designate a Conflict Administration Zone (CAZ) around active coal mining areas in the Powder River Basin, Wyoming. The purpose of the CAZ is to identify areas of potential conflict between coal mining and coal bed natural gas (CBNG) development and production. Special administrative procedures will be followed for Federal oil and gas leases within the CAZ (see WO-IM 2003-253 for details). The CAZ is an administrative boundary and includes Federal, State and Fee lands. The BLM has authority on Federal lands and minerals only.

The CAZ will be reviewed at least annually to assure it stays current with potential conflicts between coal mining and CBNG development and production.

Attached is a listing of the legal land description included within the CAZ.

 Field Manager - Buffalo	7/1/2004 Date	 Field Manager - Casper	7/1/2004 Date
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