

# BIGHORN BASIN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN REVISION



What are the issues associated with mineral development?



**The Bighorn Basin currently has:**

- Approximately 132 persons employed at the six operating bentonite mines
- Approximately 360 persons employed at the six different milling processing facilities
- Levels of bentonite mining is expected to continue at its current level or increase in the future

Currently, there are no coal, geothermal, or other solid leasable mineral operations in the Bighorn Basin.

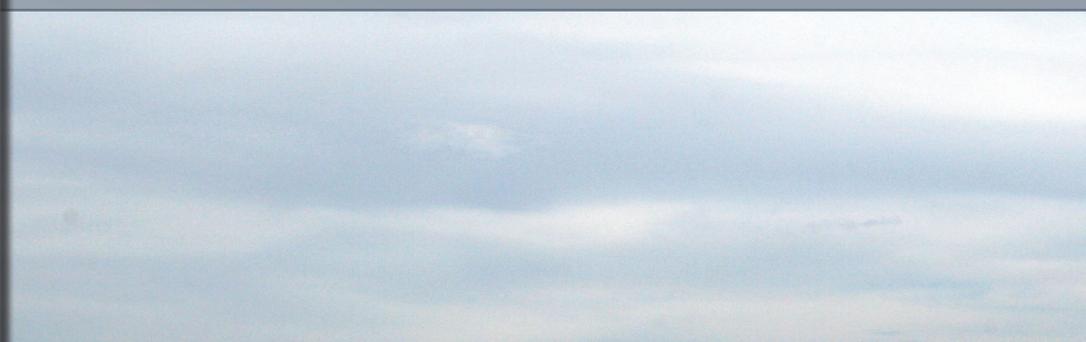
The estimated annual production of saleable minerals for the Bighorn Basin planning area is approximately 220,000 cubic yards per year.



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## What are the oil and gas trends in the Bighorn Basin?



Oil and gas production in the Bighorn Basin has been trending downward over the past 20 years. Future production is considered uncertain, but could increase

### Current Bighorn Basin Oil and Gas Leases

COUNTY	NUMBER OF LEASES	ACRES UNDER LEASE
Big Horn	180	158,565
Hot Springs	304	230,473
Park	156	106,944
Washakie	477	465,281

depending on a number of variables including prices of oil and gas and development of new technologies to harness new resources.



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What are the issues associated with wildland urban interface?



What are the safety issues with wildlife in the Bighorn Basin?

