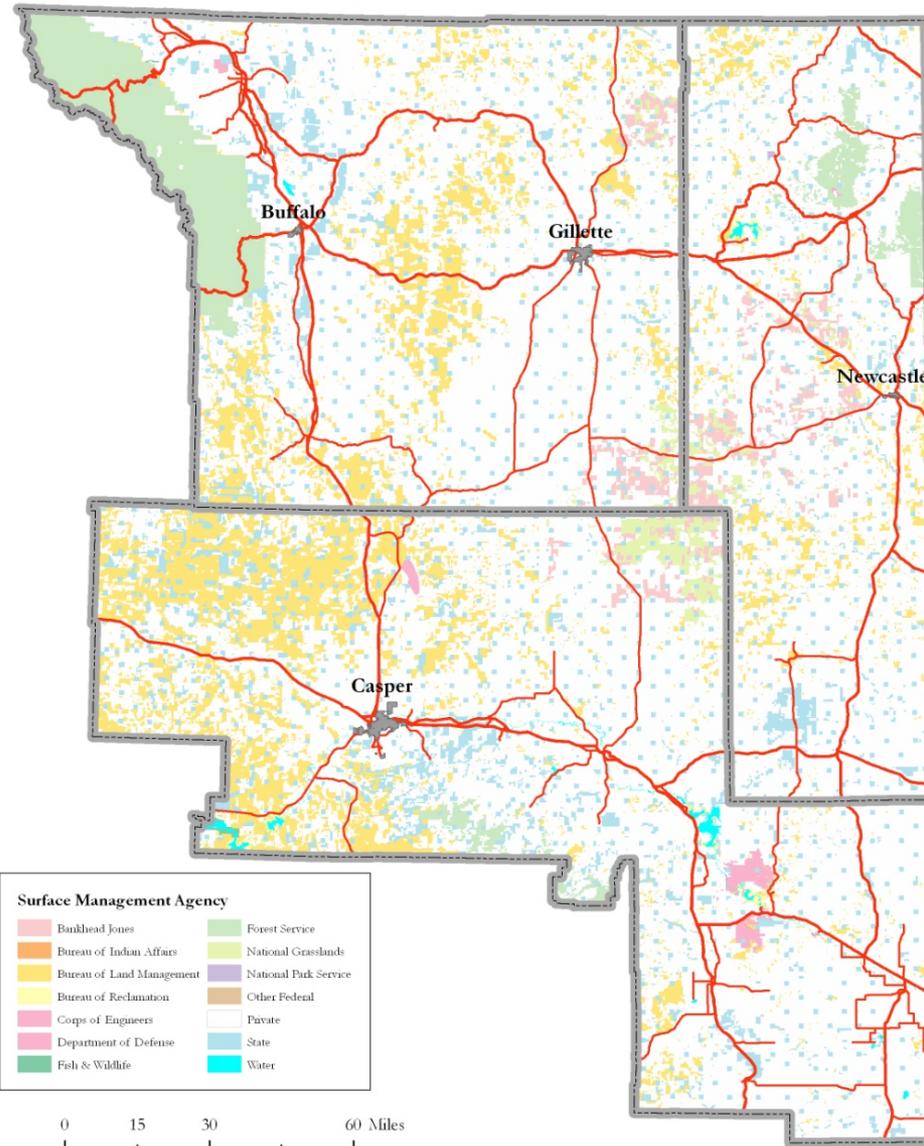


High Plains District Office

- Provides support to : Buffalo, Casper, and Newcastle. District office co-located in Casper Field Office.
- 2.4 million surface and 11 million acres of subsurface mineral estate in Campbell, Converse, Crook, Goshen, Johnson Natrona, Niobrara Platte, Sheridan, and Weston counties .
- 6,600 surface acres and 240,000 subsurface mineral estate in Nebraska.



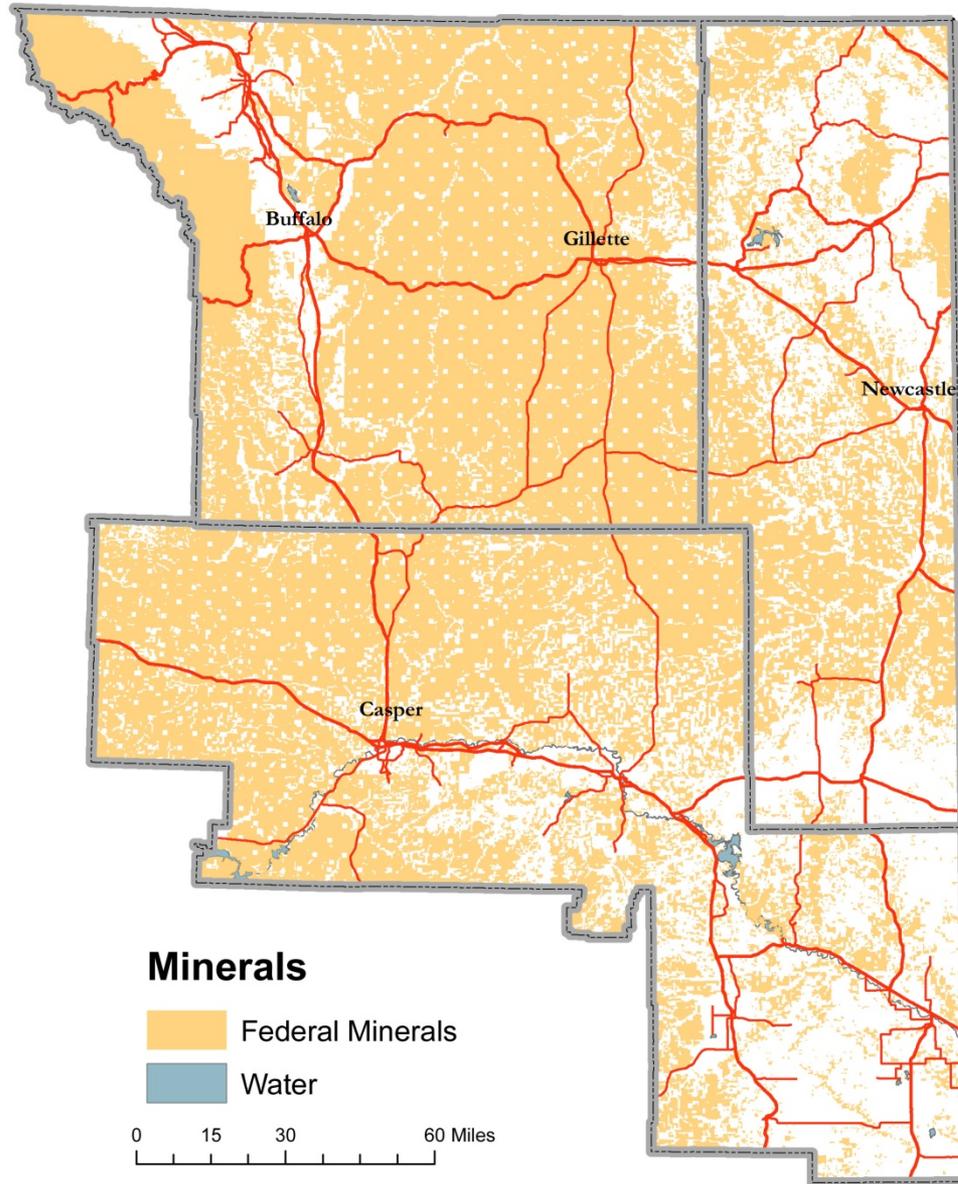
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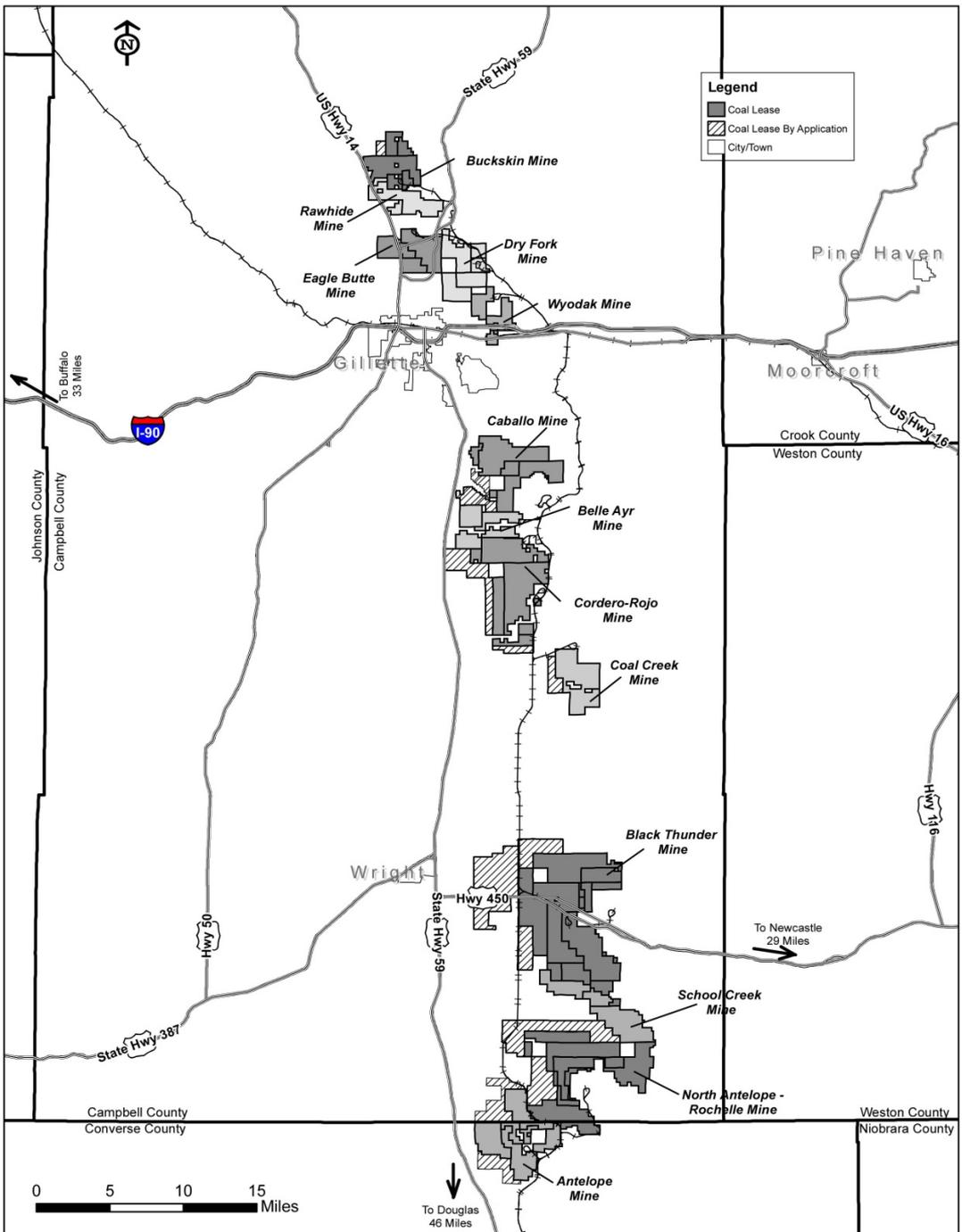


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Coal

- The Powder River Basin is the largest coal-producing region in the Nation accounting for 40 percent of all coal mined in the United States.
- More than 38 States receive coal from Wyoming, and several Midwestern and Southern States are highly or entirely dependent on Wyoming's coal supply.
- In 2010, coal royalties of \$598 million were collected and shared equally with the State of Wyoming.



Uranium

Cameco Smith/Highland *in situ recovery (ISR) uranium mine in the Casper Field Office (CFO), 26 miles northwest of Douglas.*

- Largest uranium mine in United States.
- 35,000 acres of split estate, fee, BLM, and State lands.
- Issues:
 - Ground water restoration
 - Potential multiple use conflicts with oil and gas and wind development.



Ross proposed ISR uranium EIS (Environmental Impact Statement) Project underway in the Newcastle Field Office (NFO), located at Oshoto.

- Proposed boundary encompasses approximately 1,700 acres— including approximately 300 acres are federal surface/mineral estate.
- Issues:
 - Transportation alternatives
 - Cultural
 - Ground water concerns.

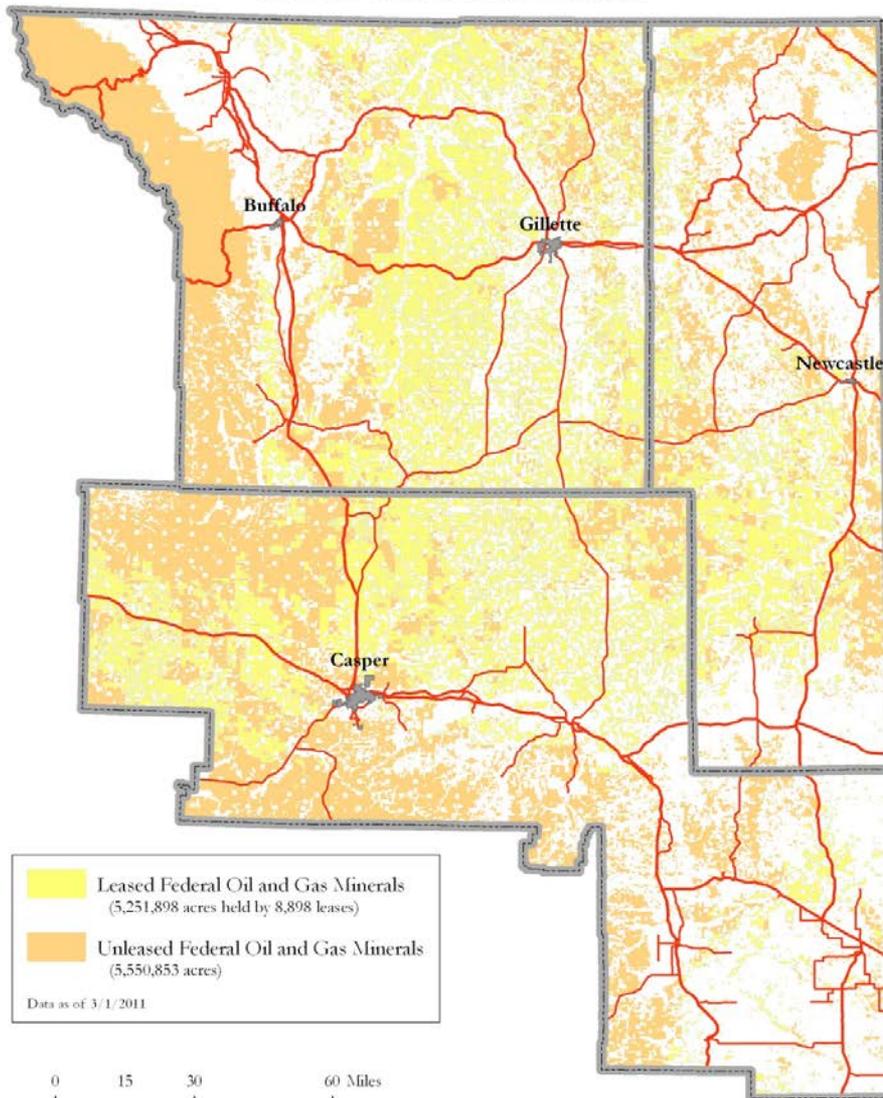
Nichols Ranch/ Hank Unit proposed ISR uranium project in Buffalo Field Office (BFO), 46 miles southwest of Gillette in Campbell and Johnson counties.

- 3,371 acres. including approximately 280 acres of federal surface/mineral estate.
- Lead agency is the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC). NRC released their Final SEIS for this project in January 2011. Final licensing by the NRC dependant on resolution of cultural issues.
- Issues:
 - Cultural.



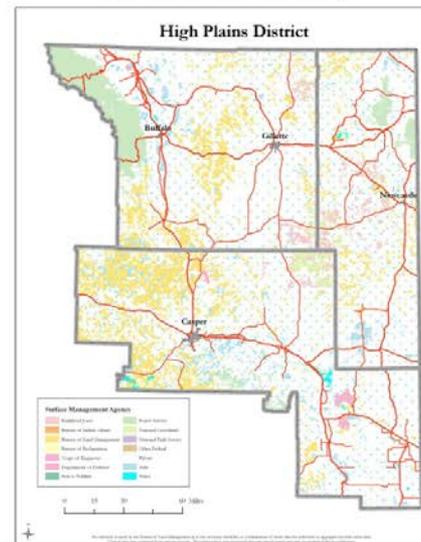
Oil and Gas Development

High Plains District Federal Oil and Gas Minerals

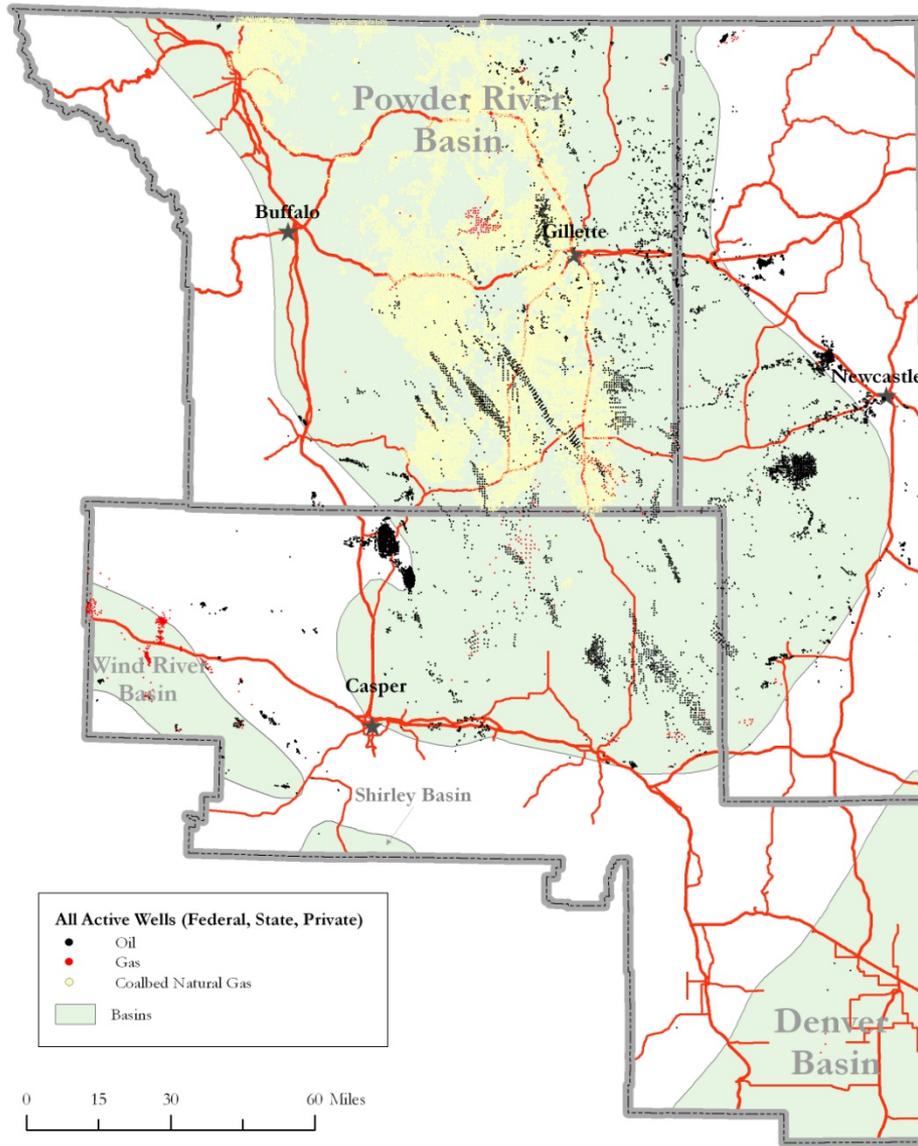


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Surface Ownership



High Plains District



All Active Wells (Federal, State, Private)

- Oil
- Gas
- Coalbed Natural Gas
- Basins

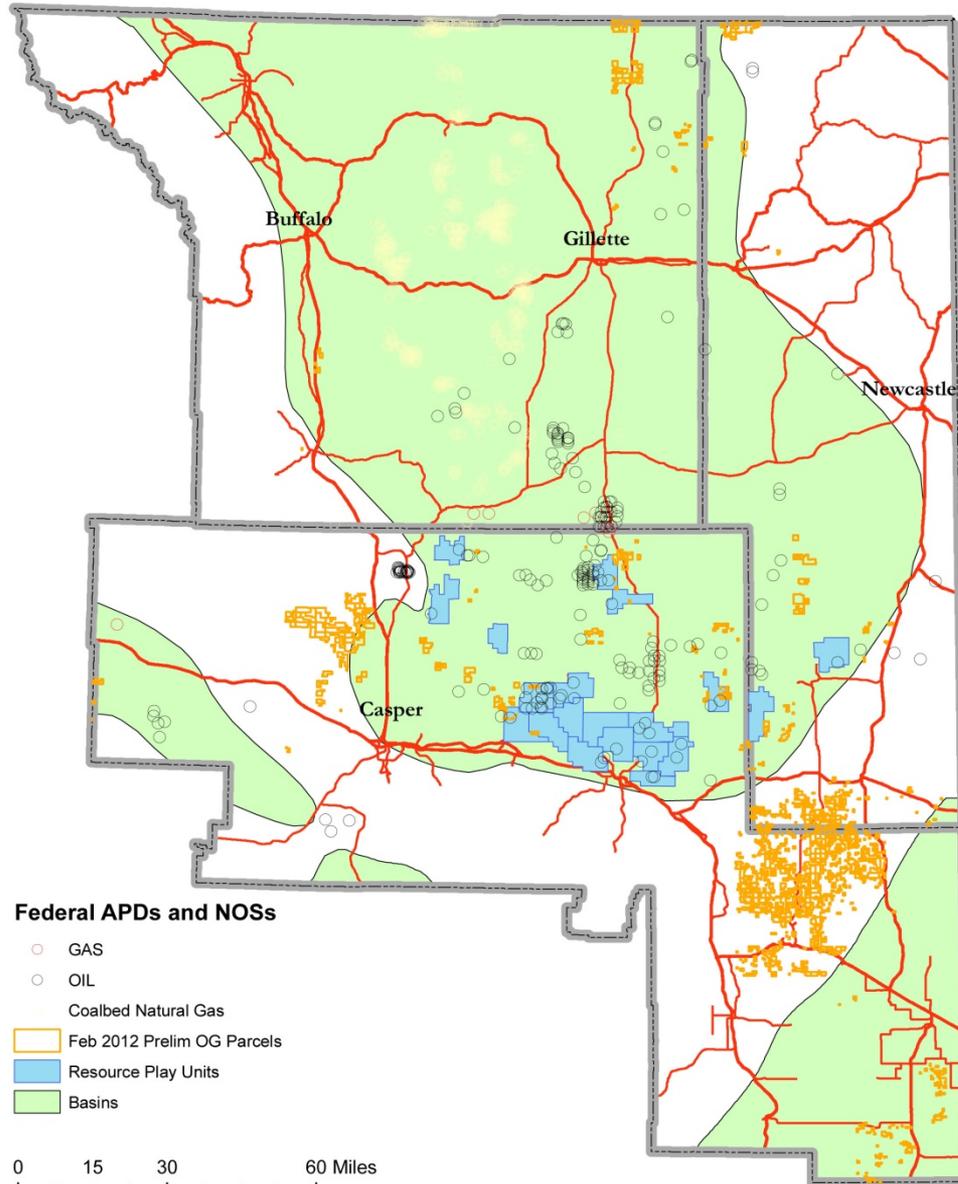
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Federal APDs and NOSS

- GAS
- OIL
- Coalbed Natural Gas
- Feb 2012 Prelim OG Parcels
- Resource Play Units
- Basins

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Powder River Basin Restoration

- Integrate habitat improvement programs and projects to leverage funding to enhance sage-grouse habitat reclamation.
- Encourage partnership efforts to restore large landscape or watershed areas versus the small scale restoration of BLM surface & other lands as required through the plug and abandon process.
- Synchronize restoration monitoring and data collection methods of various cooperators to facilitate data sharing.



Resource Management Plans

Buffalo RMP

- Planning area: 800,000 surface acres and 4.8 million acres of federal mineral estate.
- Major issues: Oil and gas leasing, coal leasing, alternative energy, grazing leasing, land tenure adjustments, transportation planning, recreation management and opportunities, wildfire management, designation and management of proposed Areas of Critical Environmental Concern.
- Draft EIS in preparation. September 2011 draft anticipated with a 90-day public comment period.

Casper RMP

- Planning area: 1.4 million surface acres and 4.7 million acres federal mineral estate.
- Record of Decision and Approved Casper RMP signed in Dec. of 2007.
- The CFO is committed to continued involvement and participation of cooperators during the implementation.
- Next implementation meeting scheduled for Fall 2011.



National Historic Trails Interpretive Center

- Interprets the stories of emigrants who traveled along the Oregon, Mormon, California, and Pony Express national historic trails between 1840 and 1870.
- Partnership between Bureau of Land Management (BLM), the National Historic Trails Center Foundation and the City of Casper.
- Over 23,000 visitors annually.

