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Summary

OTP/MDU Exhibits 319 & 320

BNSF Overview

- One of the country's largest railroads
- 32,000 route miles
- 6,300 locomotives
- 220,000 freight cars
- 40,000 employees

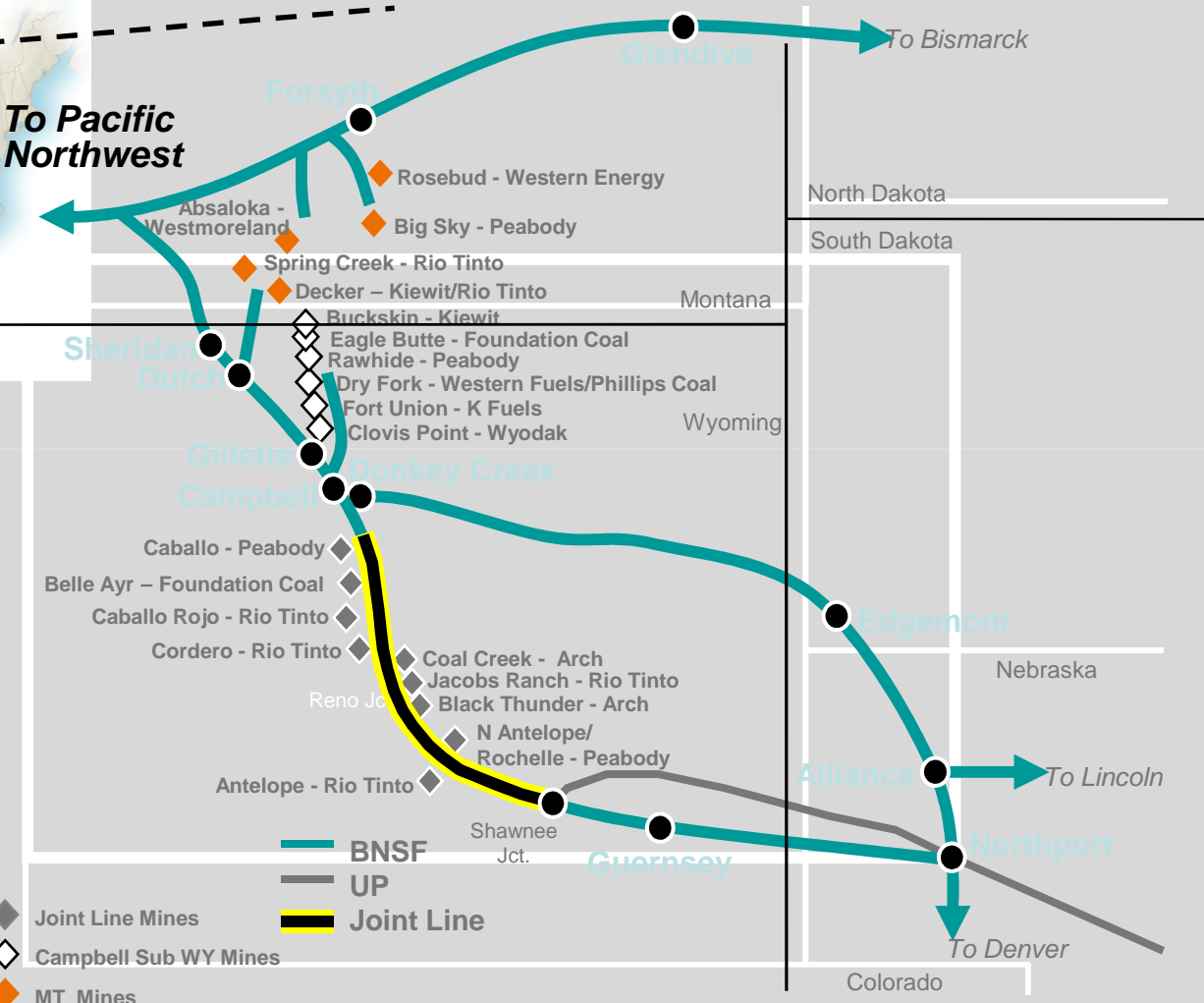
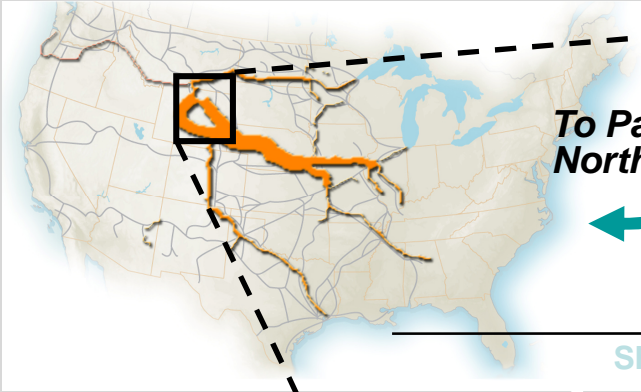
Powder River Basin

- World's largest single deposit of low-sulfur coal
- Fastest growing and dominant coal supply basin in the U.S. since passage of the Clean Air Act in 1970.
- 97% of production moves by rail to markets in 39 states
- Lowest cost delivered coal for electric generators

Summary

- Discussion of current and future reliability of coal supply from Powder River Basin
 - BNSF has undertaken an unprecedented program of coal expansion capital investment:
 - More than \$300 million in 2005
 - More than \$600 million in 2006
 - Additional rail capacity (labor, motive power, track, terminals, yards)
 - Current deliveries to Big Stone power plant
 - Additional equipment

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Joint Line Capacity Expansion

In Service 2007:

- 3rd Main Reno to MP 0; 39 Miles
 - Reno to MP 15; 24 Miles (Jt Line)
 - MP 15 to MP 0; 15 Miles (BNSF)

4th Main Logan Hill; 21 Miles

