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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

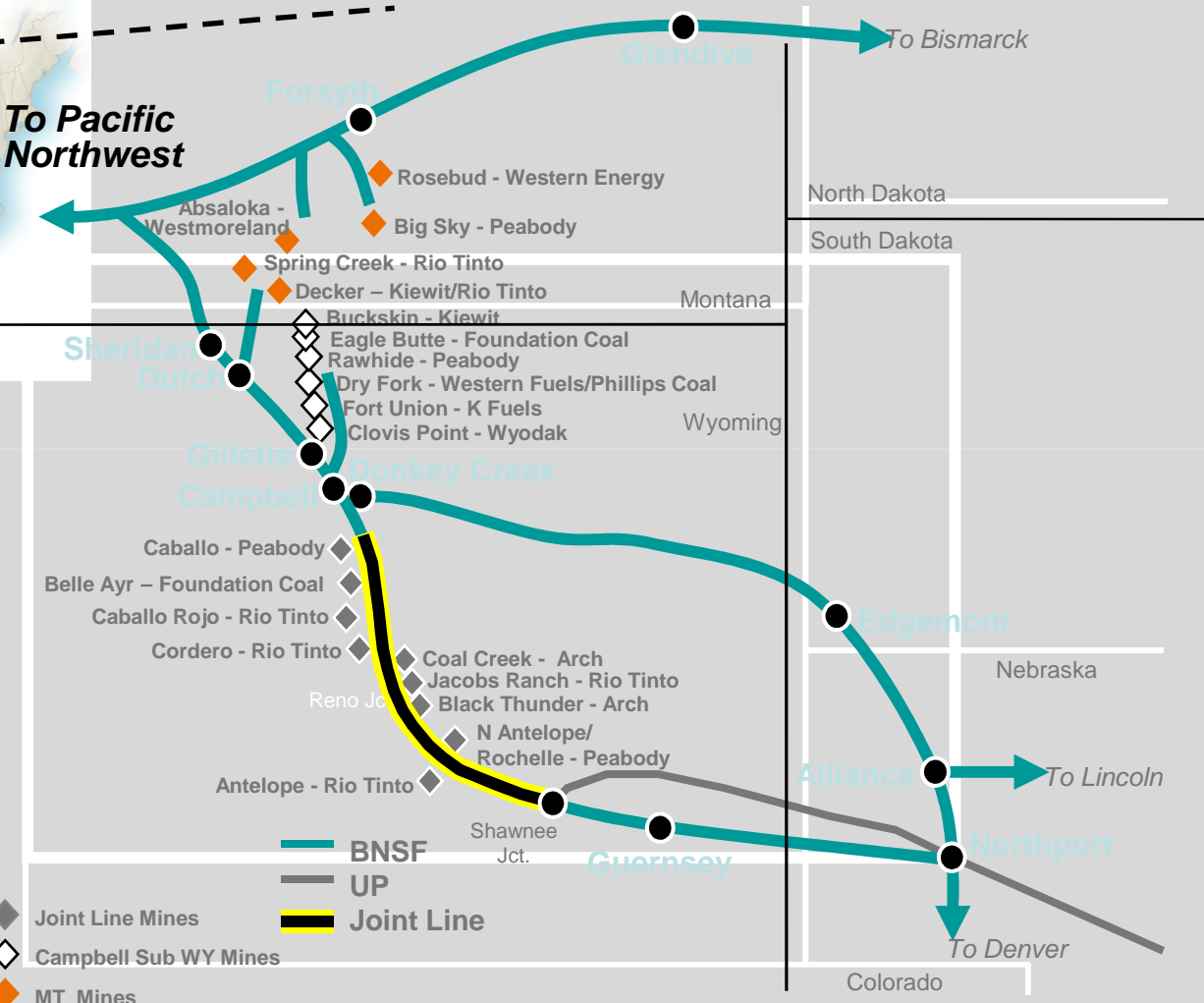
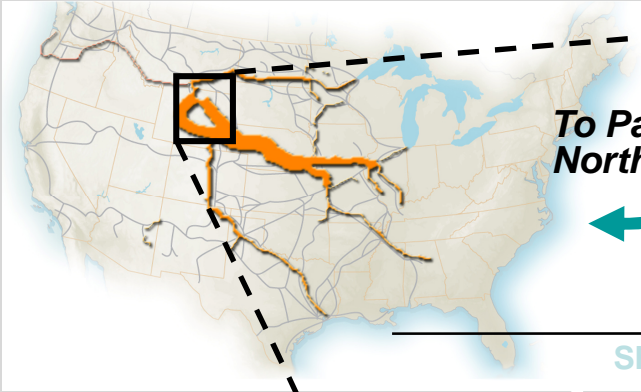
# Powder River Basin

- 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

# Powder River Basin



# Joint Line Capacity Expansion

## In Service 2007:

3<sup>rd</sup> Main Reno to MP 0; 39 Miles

- Reno to MP 15; 24 Miles (Jt Line)

- MP 15 to MP 0; 15 Miles (BNSF)

4<sup>th</sup> Main Logan Hill; 21 Miles

