

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

This mining plan approval document is issued by the United States of America to:

Westmoreland Rosebud Mining, LLC
P.O. Box 99, 138 Rosebud Lane
Colstrip, MT 59323

This mining plan modification approval for Federal Coal Lease MTM 082186 at Rosebud Mine supplements all previous mining plan approvals for the Rosebud Mine. The approval is subject to the following conditions. Westmoreland Rosebud Mining, LLC is hereinafter referred to as the operator.

1. Statutes and Regulations: This mining plan approval is issued pursuant to Federal lease MTM 082186; the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*); and in the case of acquired lands, the Mineral Leasing Act for Acquired Lands of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 351 *et seq.*). This mining plan approval is subject to all applicable laws and regulations of the Secretary of the Interior which are now or hereafter in force; and all such laws and regulations are made part hereof. The operator shall comply with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution and Control Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 *et seq.*), the Clean Air Act (42 U.S.C. 7401 *et seq.*), and other applicable Federal laws.
2. This document approves the mining plan for Federal lease MTM 082186 at the Rosebud Mine and authorizes coal development or mining operations on the Federal lease within the area of mining approval. This authorization expands the approved mining plan area into the following Federal coal lands:

Township 2 North (T2N), Range 38 East (R38E)

- Section 24 (all)
- Section 12 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$

Township 2 North (T2N), Range 39 East (R39E)

- Section 28 S $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 30 (all)
- Section 32 NE $\frac{1}{4}$, N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$
- Section 34 (parts of) NW $\frac{1}{4}$

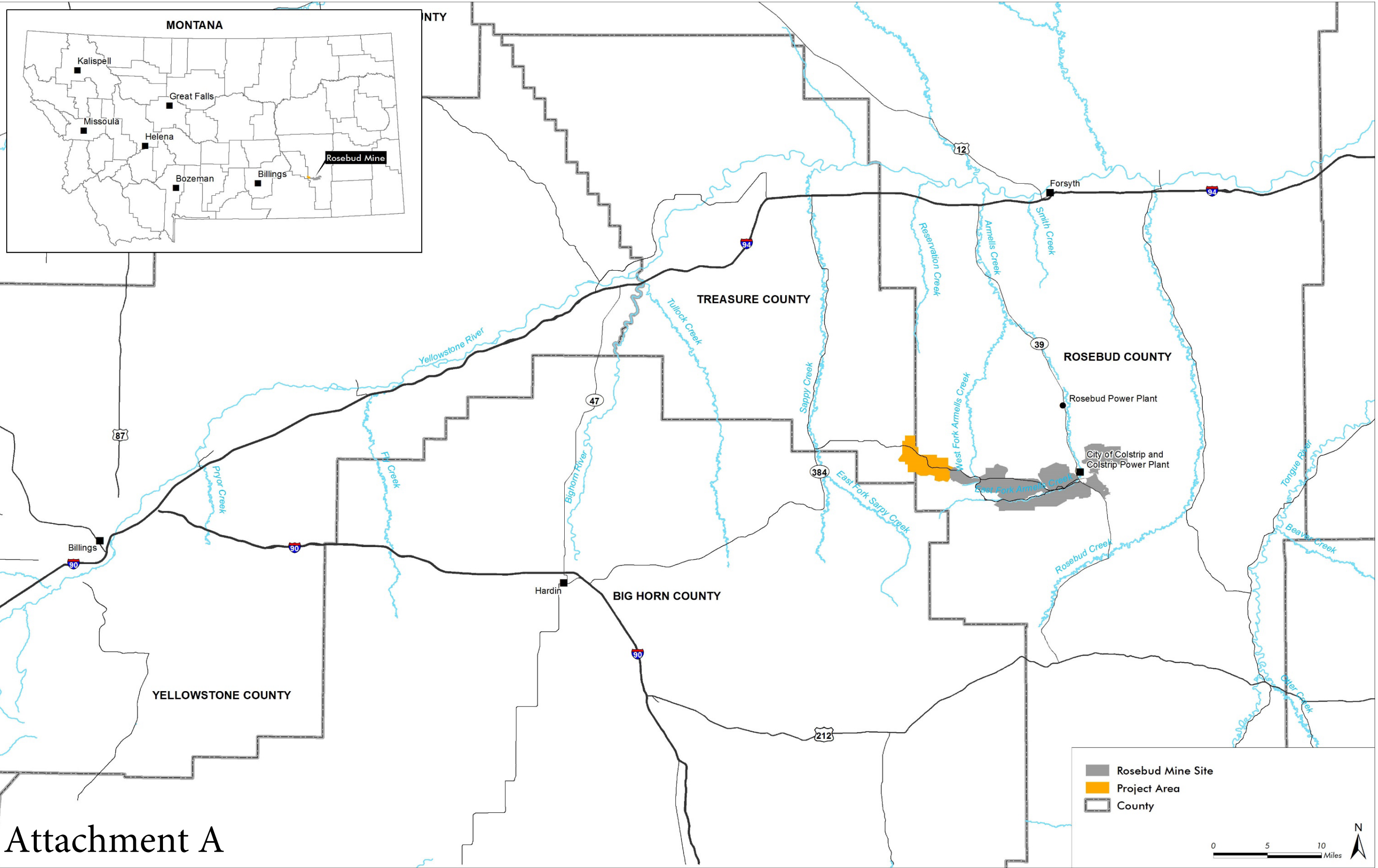
These lands in Federal lease MTM 082186 encompass approximately 1,887 acres and are shown on the map appended hereto referred as Attachment A.

3. The operator shall conduct coal development or mining operations only as described in the complete permit application package, and approved by the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), except as otherwise directed in any conditions of this mining plan approval.

4. The operator shall comply with the terms and conditions of the lease, this mining plan approval, and the requirements of Montana Permit C2011003F issued under the Montana State program, approved pursuant to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*).
5. This mining plan approval shall be binding on any person conducting coal development or mining operations under the approved mining plan and shall remain in effect until superseded, canceled, or withdrawn.
6. If, during mining operations, unidentified prehistoric resources are discovered, the operator shall ensure that the resources are not disturbed and shall notify the Montana DEQ and the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSMRE). The operator shall take such actions as are required by the Montana DEQ in coordination with the OSMRE.
7. The Secretary retains jurisdiction to modify or cancel this approval, as required, on the basis of further consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*
8. Three conditions to avoid and minimize adverse impacts to special status species as documented in OSMRE's April 2025 Biological Assessment and the USFWS's May 15, 2025, concurrence:
 - Limiting clearing and grubbing activities to September 1 through June 1 to avoid the monarch butterfly and western regal fritillary active season from June through August.
 - Controlling and managing noxious weeds to reduce their spread by timing weed spraying to avoid the monarch butterfly and western regal fritillary breeding season (June through August), when feasible, and conducting spot spraying to limit impacts on flowering nectar plants.
 - Agreeing that the operator (or any subsequent owner), OSMRE, and USFWS will meet at least once every four years to discuss any changes in the status of pallid sturgeon and other listed species, any changes in power plant or mine operations, and any other new information that might warrant an update to this effects analysis. Any of the parties may also request an ad hoc meeting if the party becomes aware of new information warranting discussion.

Adam G. Suess
Acting Assistant Secretary,
Land and Minerals Management

Date



Attachment A

Rosebud Area F Federal Mining Plan Modification Area

- Federal Coal Ownership
- Great Northern Properties (GNP) Coal Ownership
- State Coal Ownership
- Coal Lease 1001
- Coal Lease 1001-A
- Coal Lease M82186
- Coal Lease M82186 within Area F Permit
- Federal Coal Not Approved for Mining (~74 acres)

- Area F Mined Out
- Project Area
- County
- Township
- Section

0 0.5 1 Miles



Map created by OSMRE on 7/22/2025

