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UNIT DESCRIPTIONS

Economic coal deposits are those that meet the minimum criteria established by coal companies operating surface mines in North Dakota. These economic criteria include a minimum cumulative coal thickness of ten feet-typically occuring in less than two beds, a minimum individual bed thickness of at least 2.5 feet, a ratio of overburden to coal thickness of not more than 10:1, a minimum of 25 feet of overburden, and a maximum depth to

Includes Coal Exploration NDGS/USGS drill holes, Sub-surface Mineral

Coal thicknesses were determined by interpretation of electric logs from individual drill holes. Gamma and density logs were typically available for coal exploration holes but, oil wells were

often limited to a gamma log run through surface casing.

drill holes, Oil & Gas drill holes, and NDSWC drill holes.

Thickness (in feet) of Mineable Lignite

Geology Undifferentiated

Economic Coal Deposits

coal of approximately 150 feet.

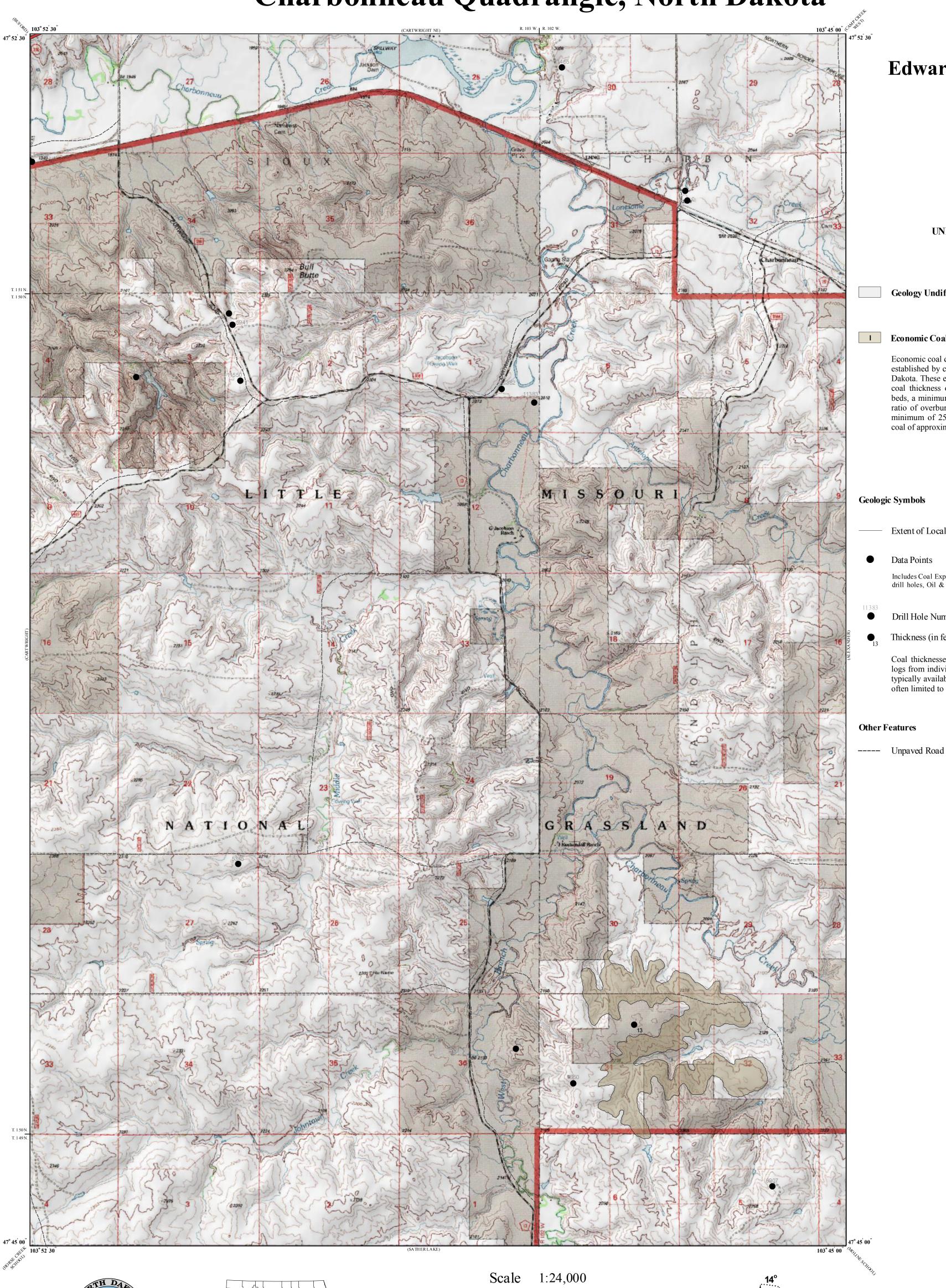
Extent of Local Lignite Reserves

Data Points

Drill Hole Numbers

Lignite Reserves

Charbonneau Quadrangle, North Dakota



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Charbonneau Quadrangle, North Dakota

Lambert Conformal Conic Projection Standard Parallels 47° 45′ 00″ and 47° 52′ 30″ 1927 North American Datum USGS 7.5 M inute Topographic Map Contour Interval 20 Feet Road Layer Rectified to 2003 NAIP Digital Orthophoto



1972 Magnetic North

Declination at Center of Sheet