

# Northern Rockies Oil and Gas Roundup

November 30, 2010

**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

## Agenda

-Lynn Helms

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-David Galt

Montana Petroleum Association

-Colby Drechsel

Wyoming Pipeline Authority

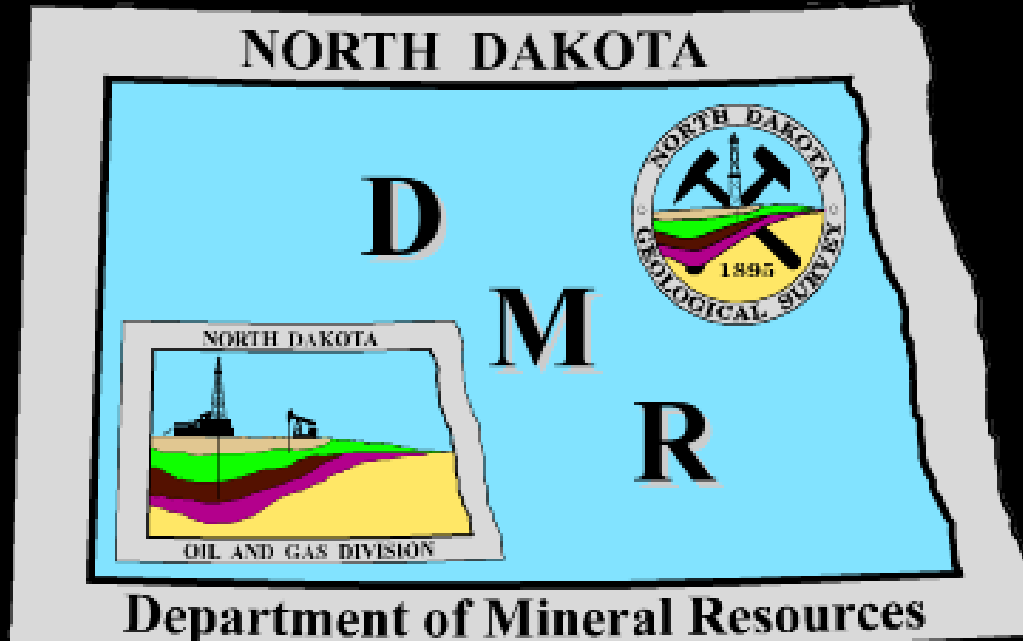
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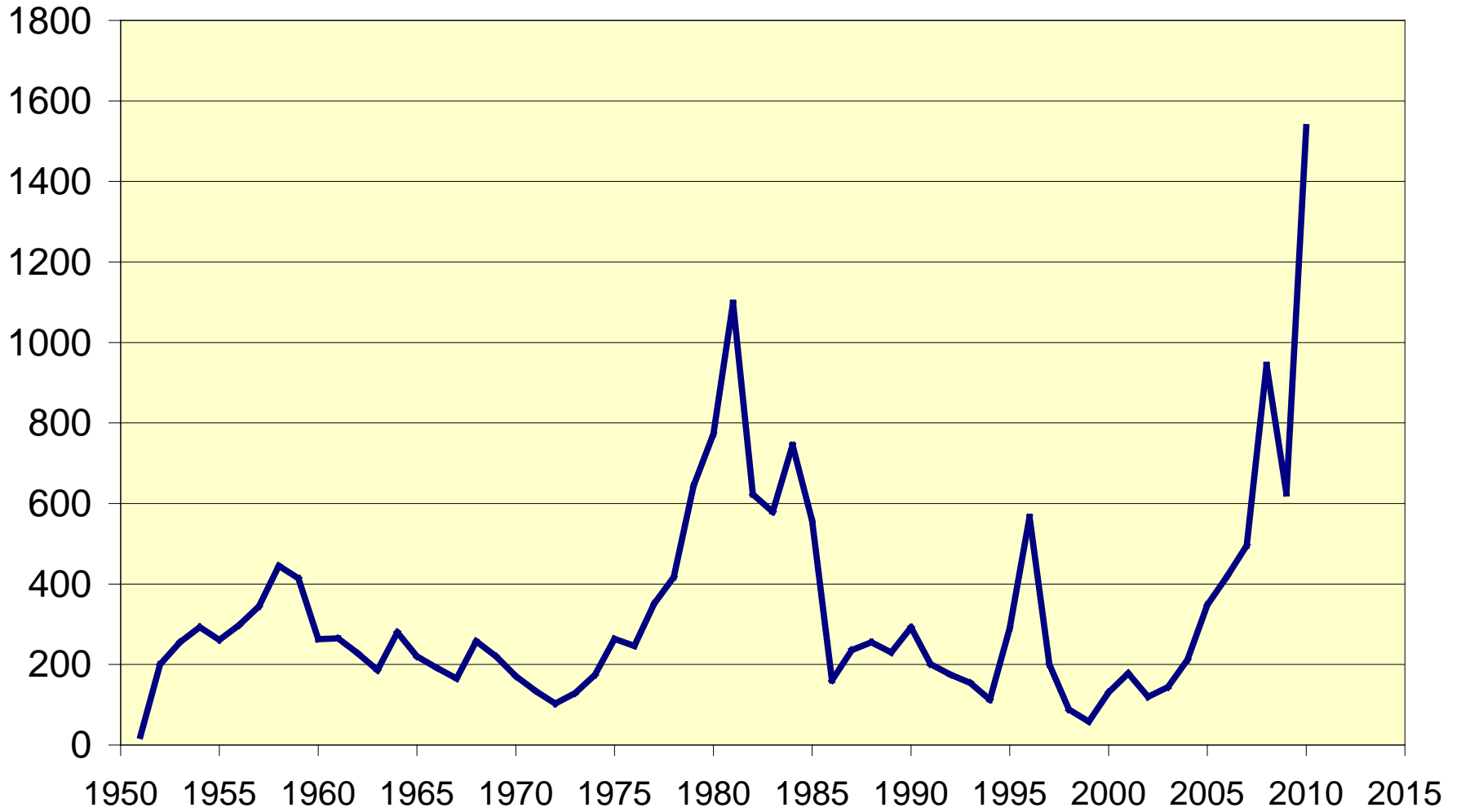
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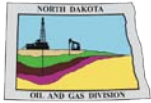
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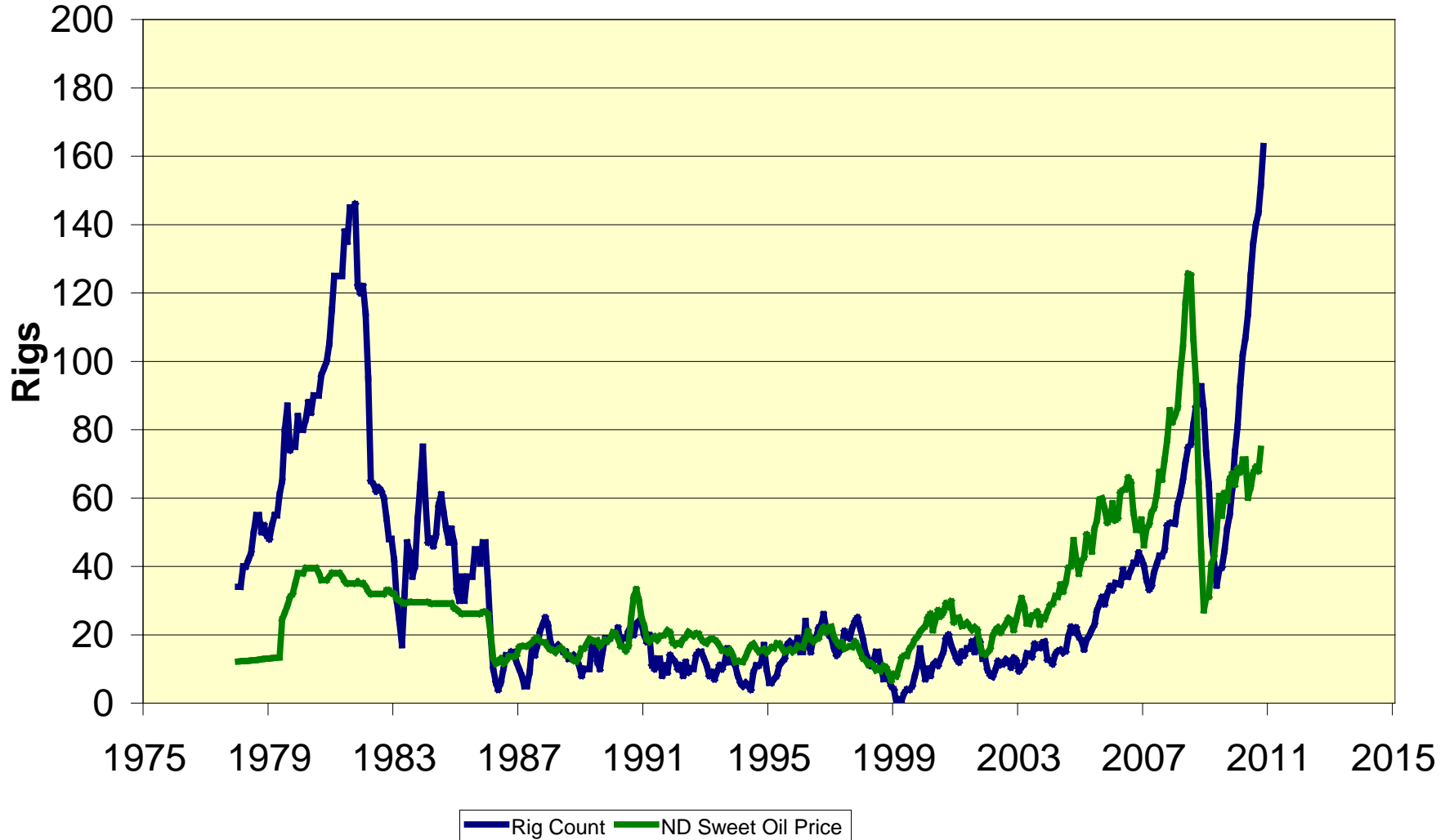


## North Dakota New Well Permits Issued





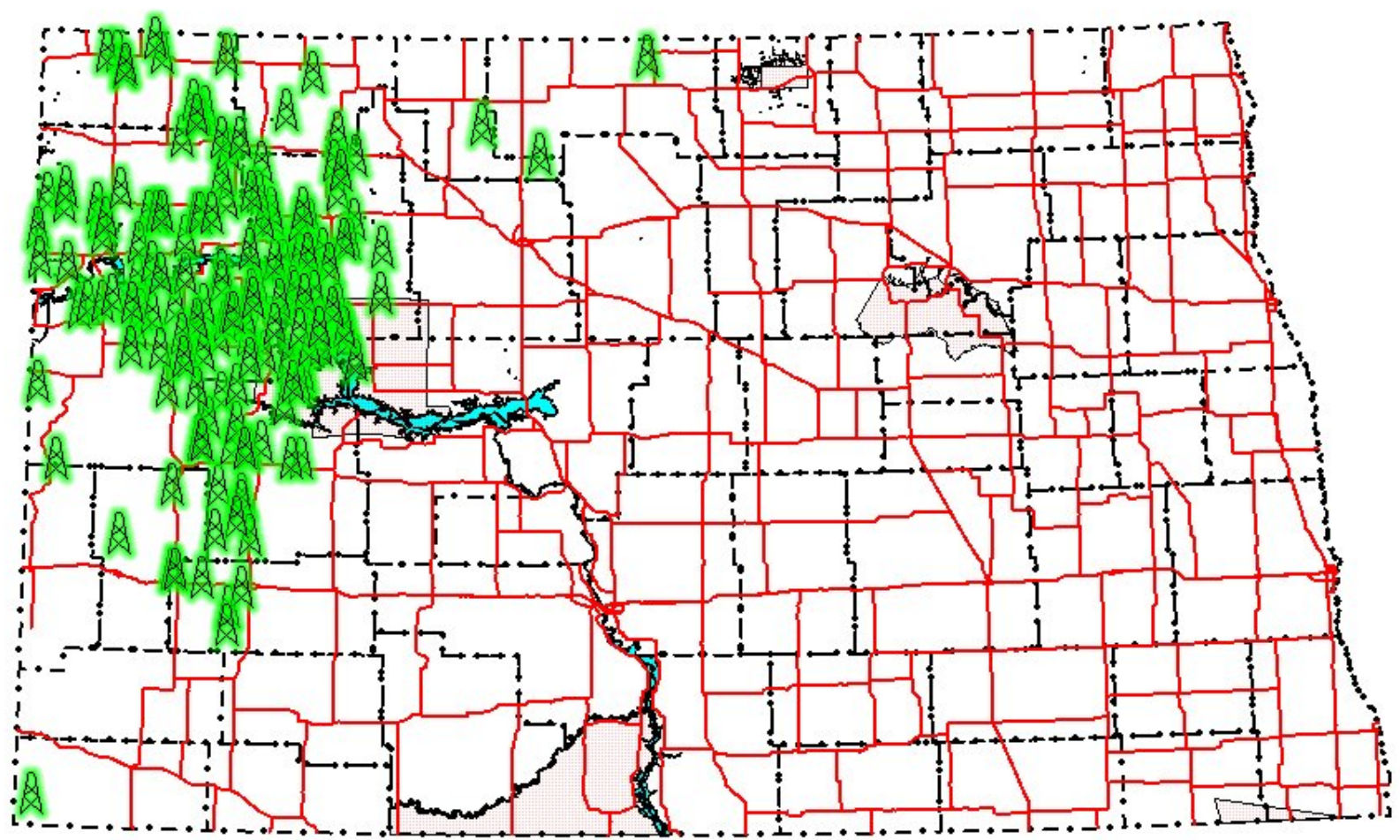
## North Dakota Average Monthly Rig Count



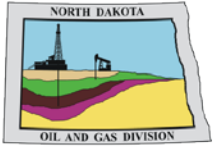
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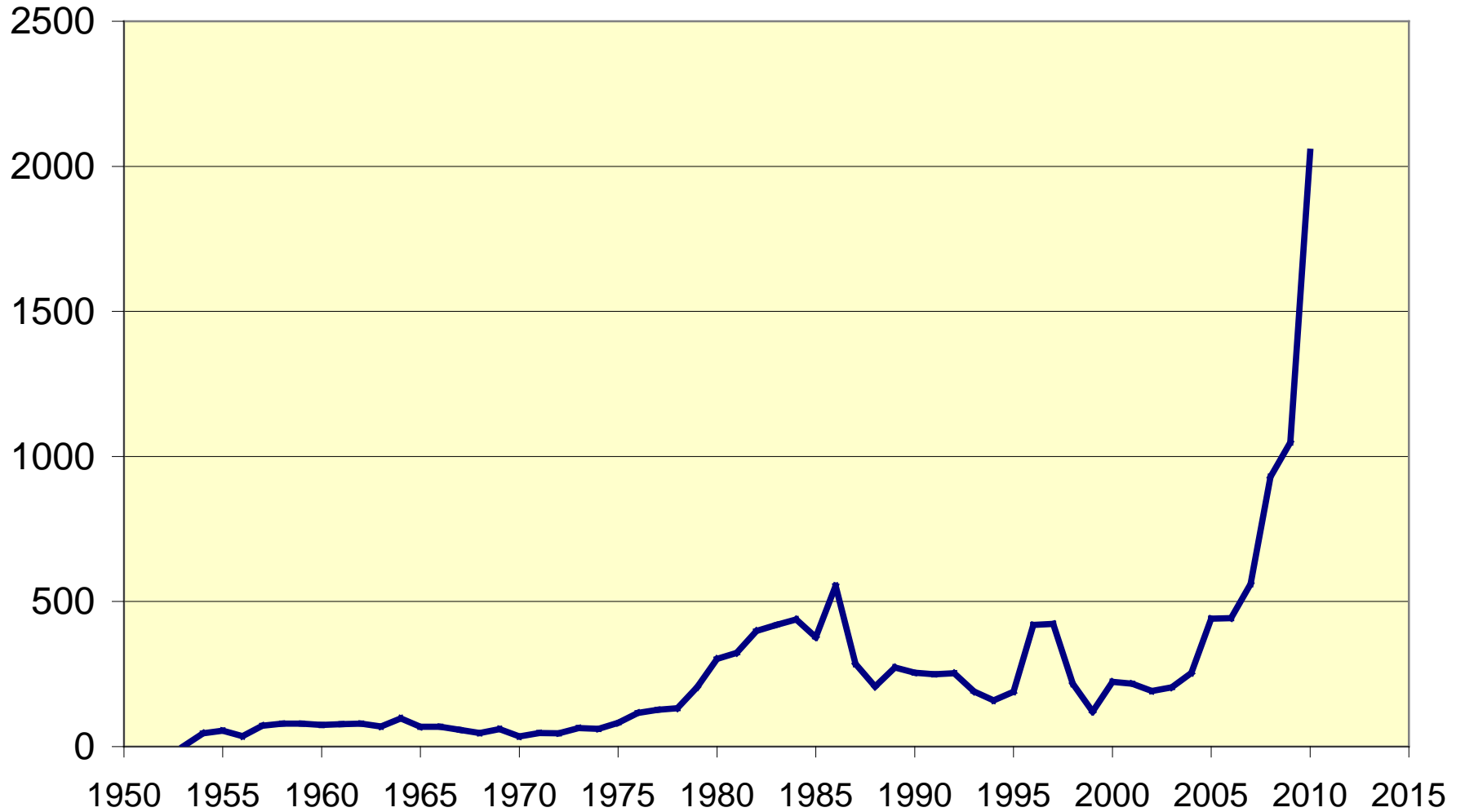
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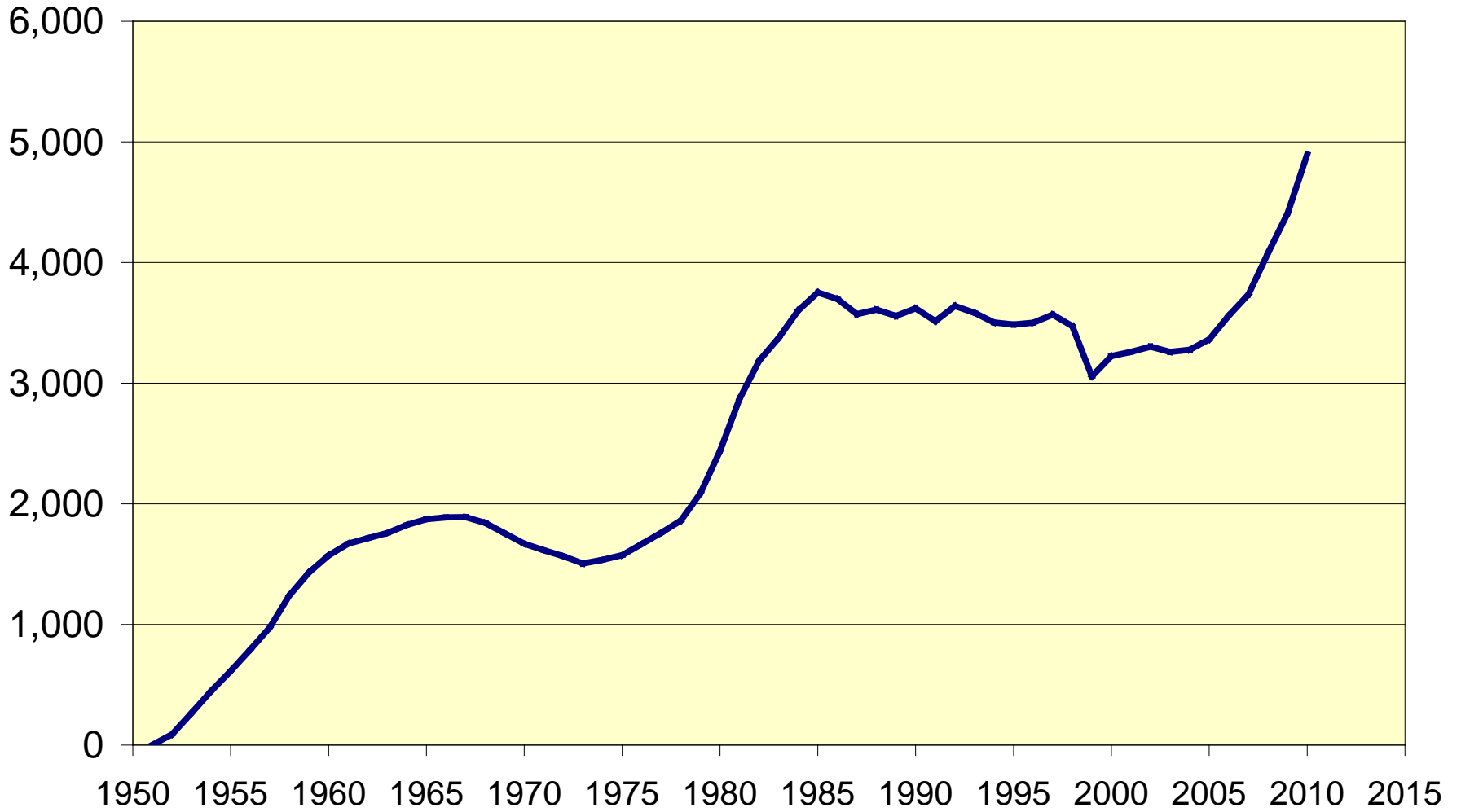


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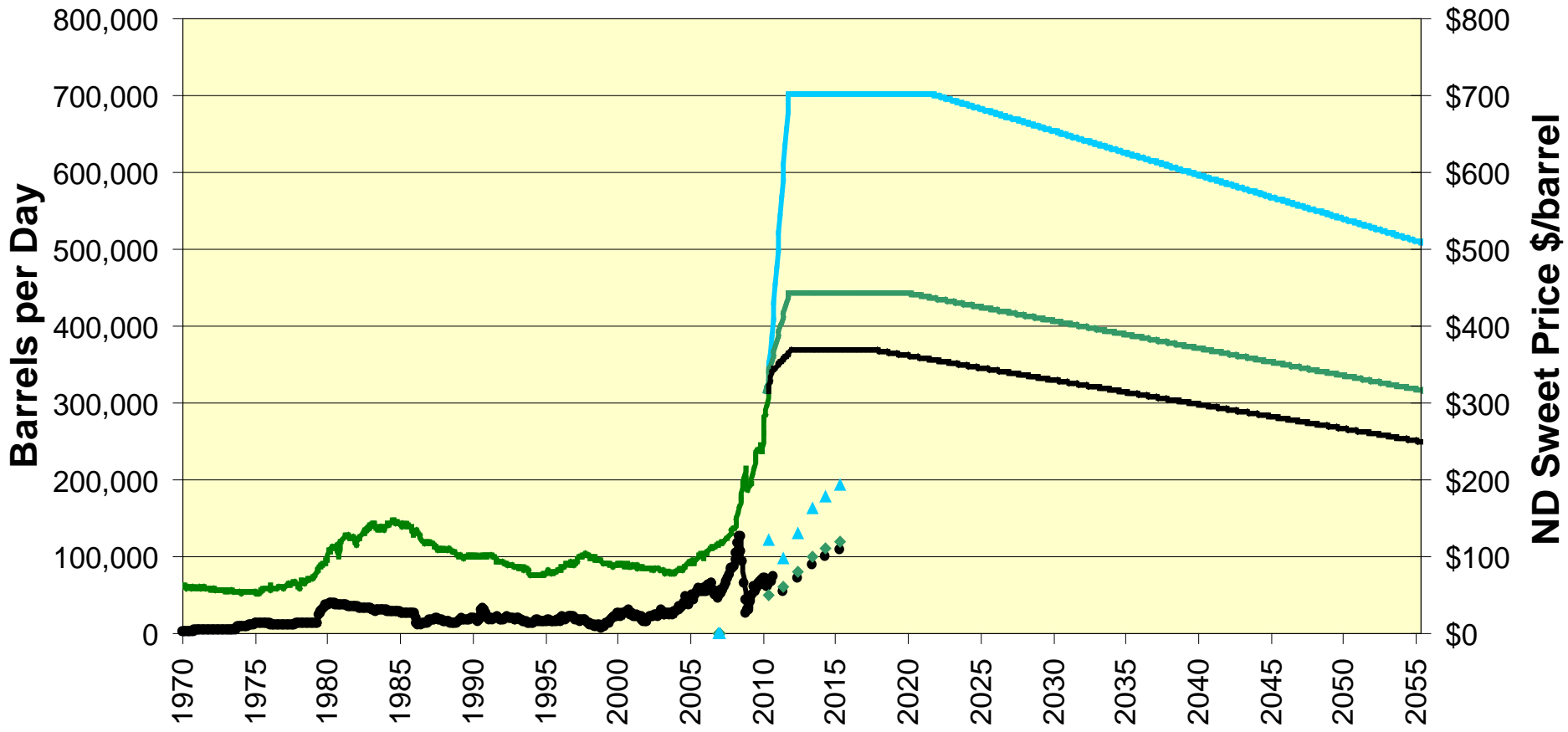


## North Dakota Wells Producing Each Year





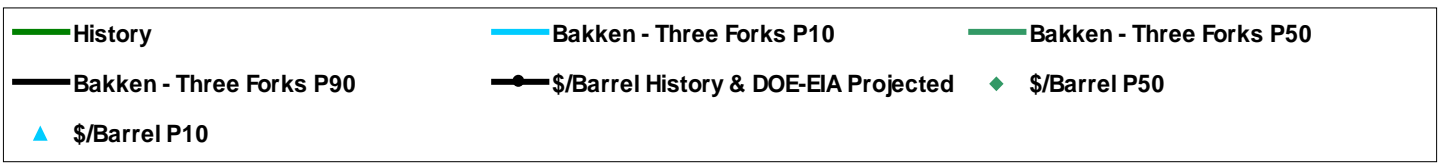
# North Dakota Oil Production and Price



**1,750 Bakken and Three Forks wells drilled and completed**

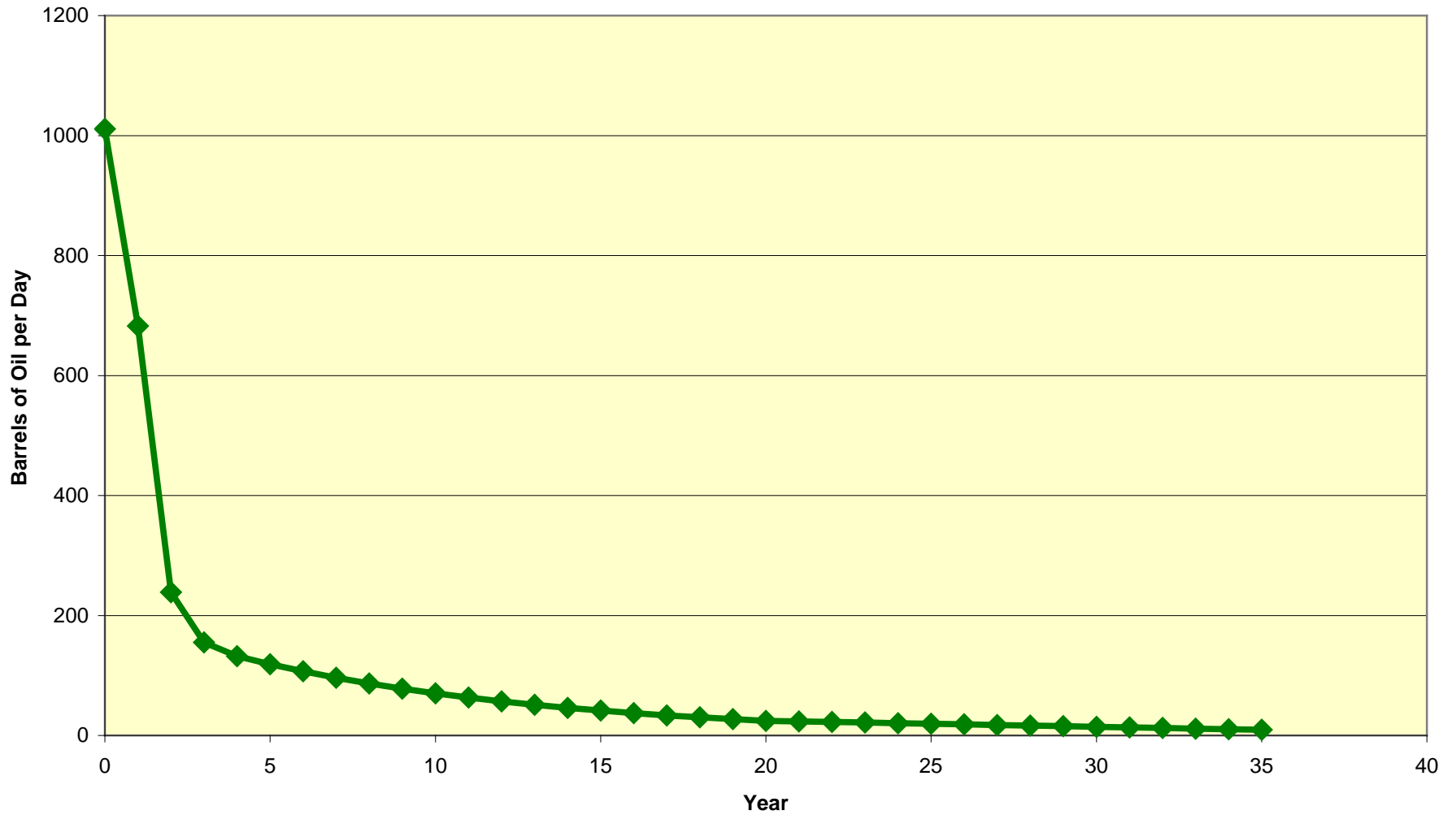
**22,000 potential new wells possible in thermal mature area**

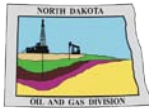
**5 -7 – 11 billion barrels**



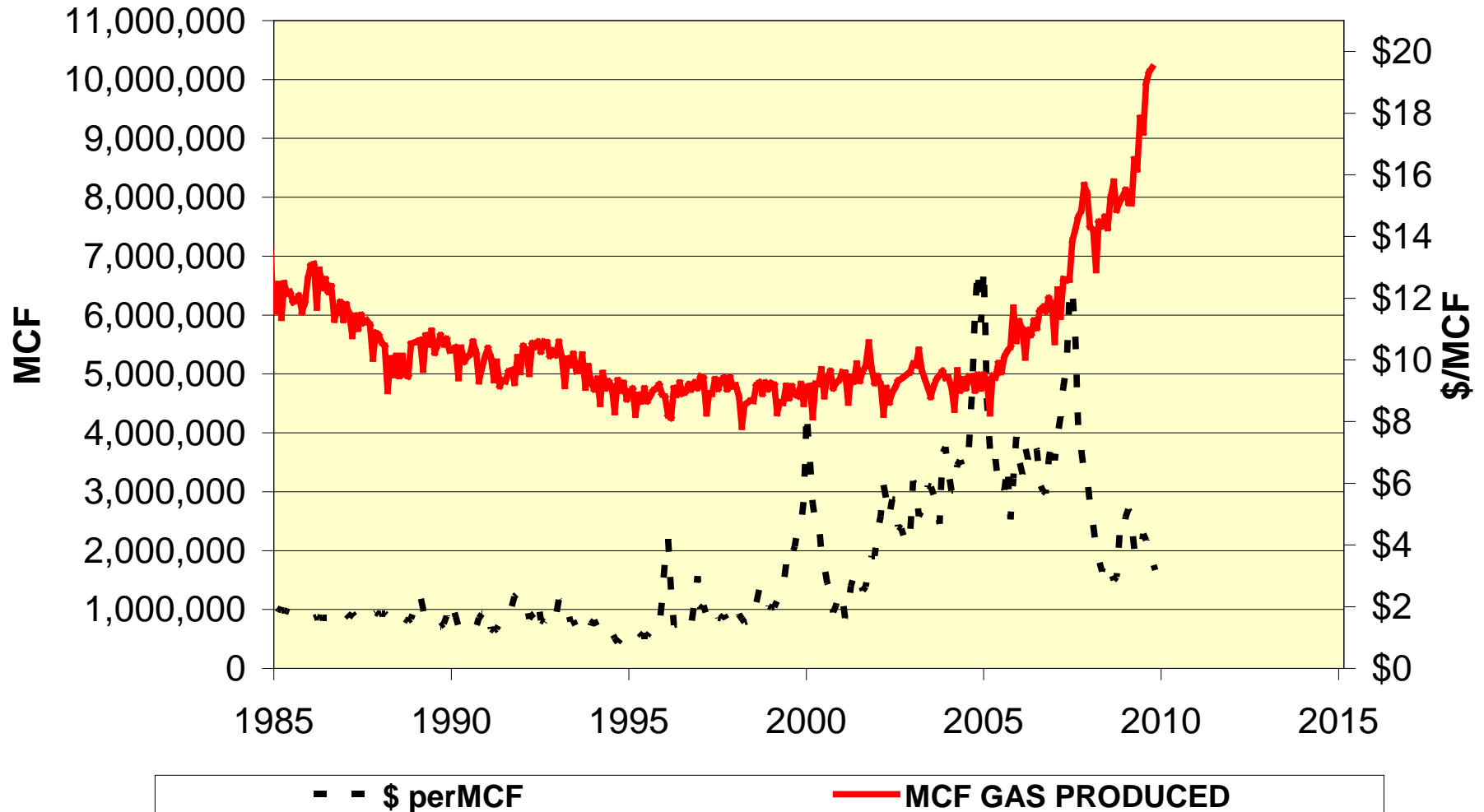


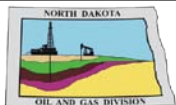
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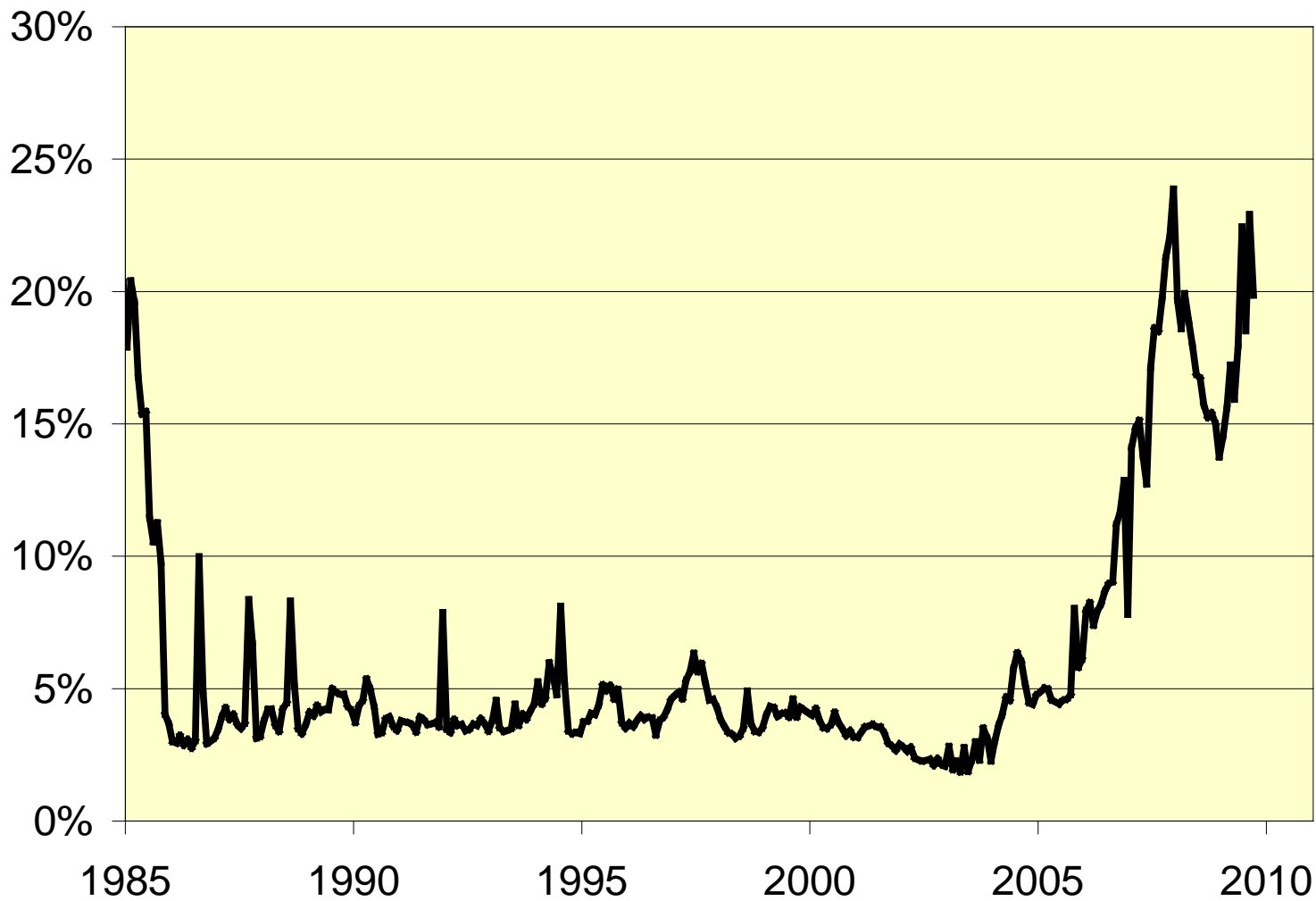


## North Dakota Monthly Gas Produced and Price

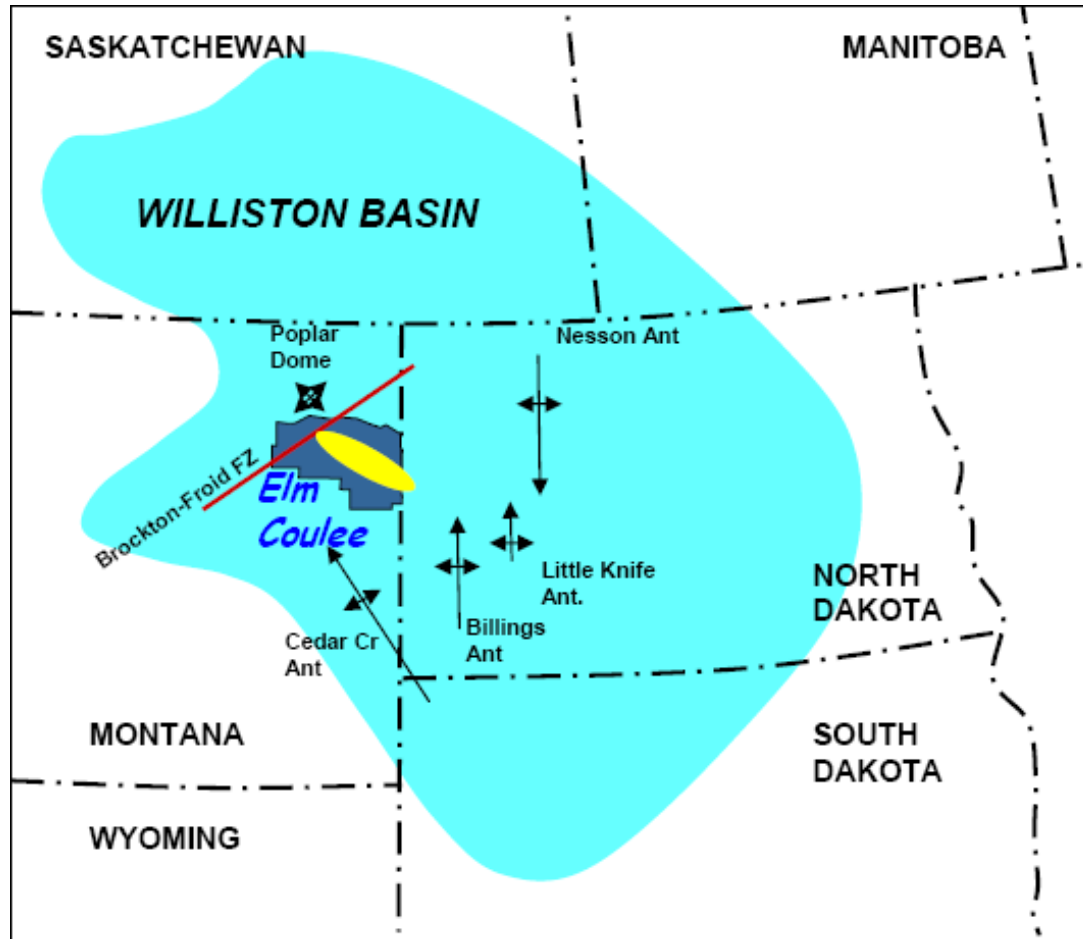




## North Dakota Monthly Gas Flared



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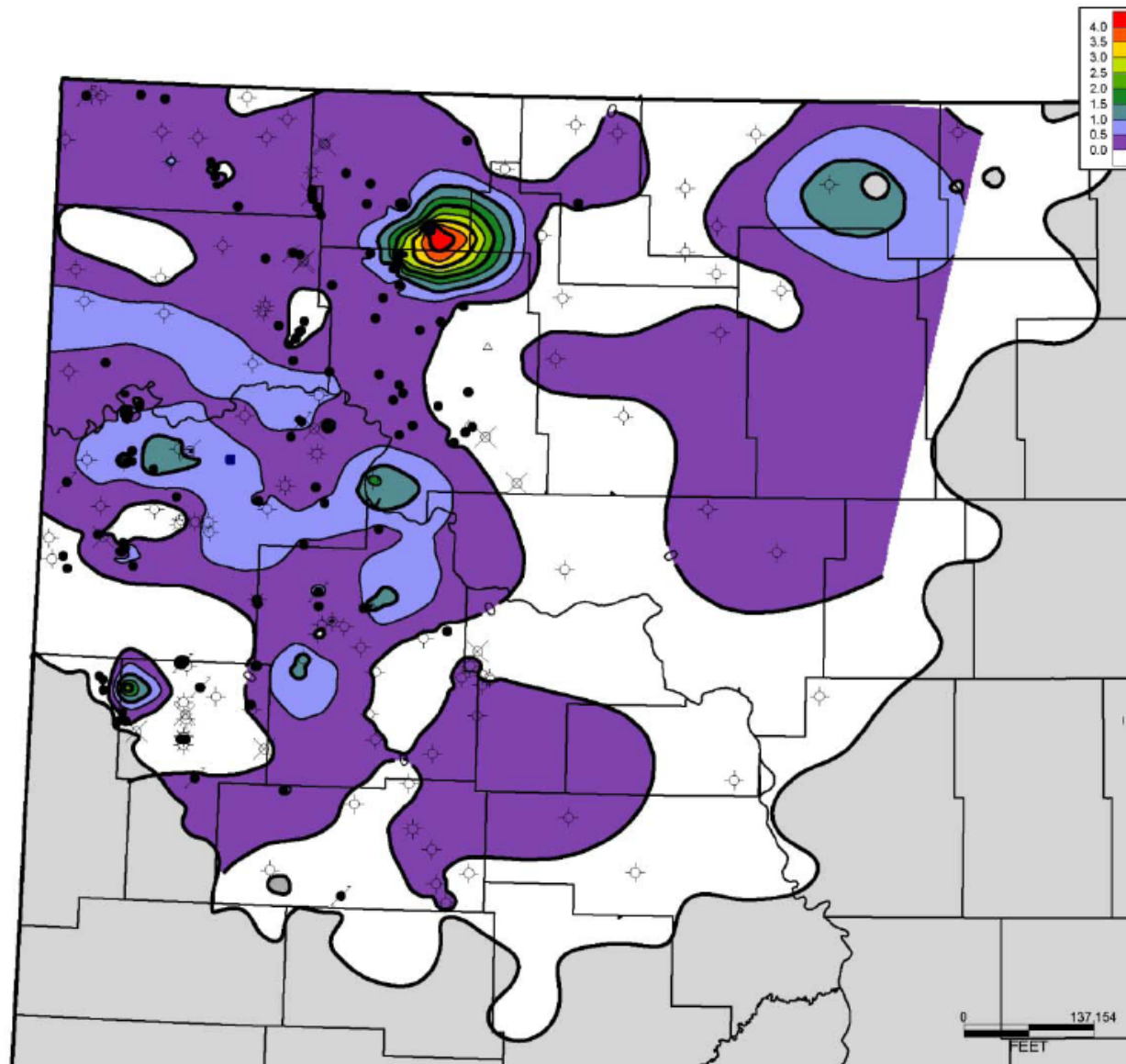


Figure 4) Total original oil in place (OOIP) for the Three Formation contoured as acre-feet oil. Only those intervals containing at least 50% oil-filled porosity contribute to the net pay that is contoured as acre-feet oil. The well locations illustrated correspond to the wells used in this study.

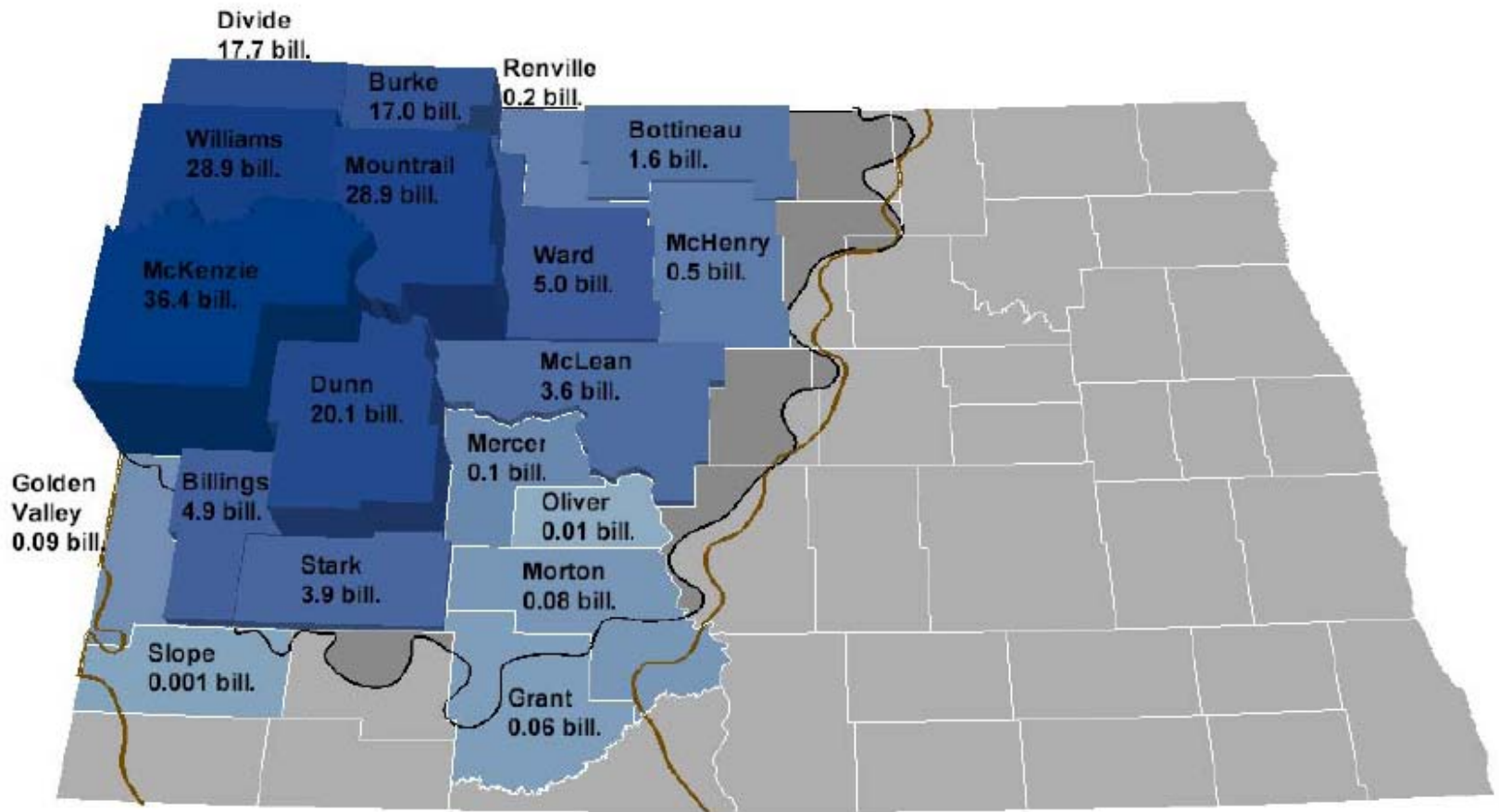
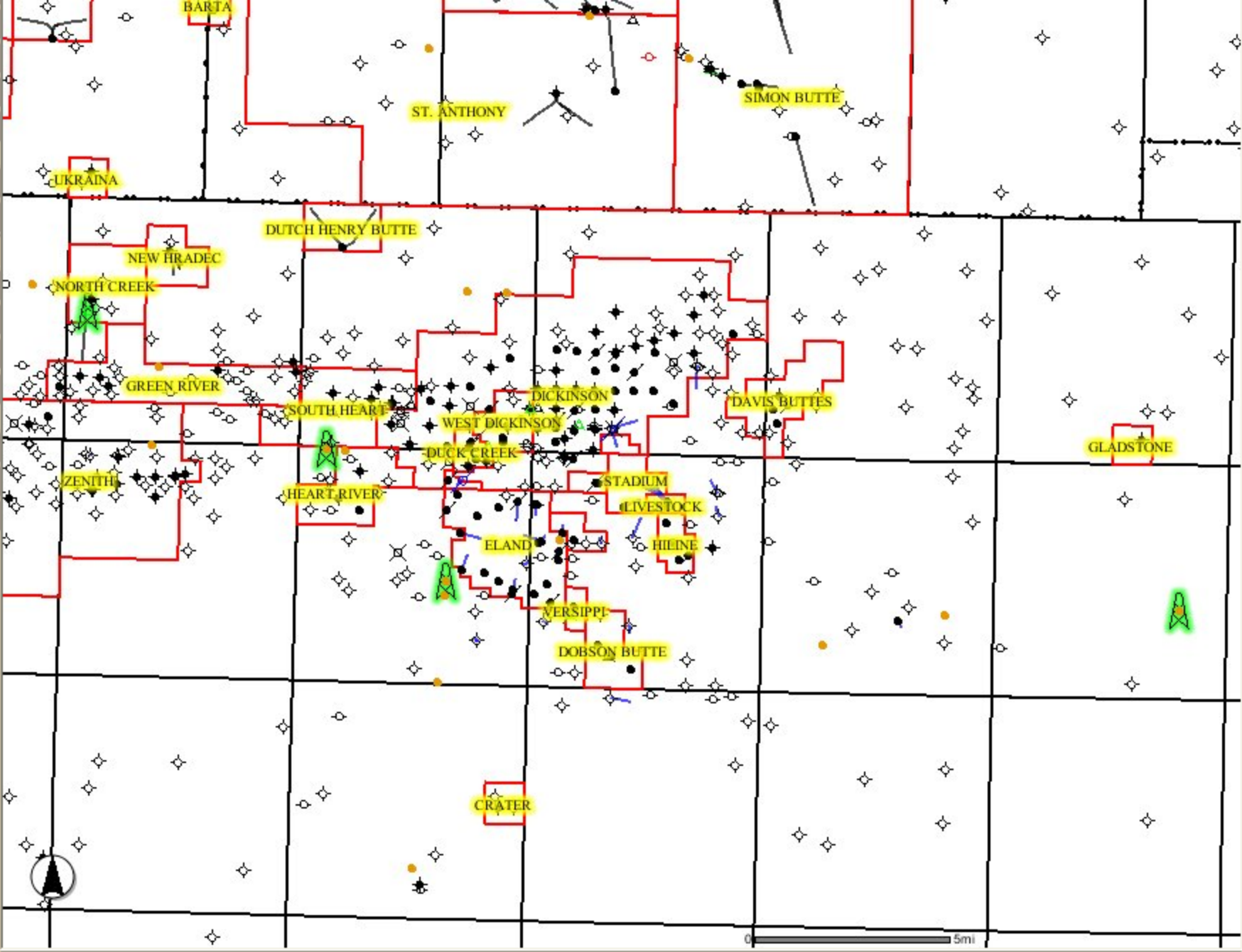


Fig. 7) Combined OOIP for the Three Forks and Bakken by county.

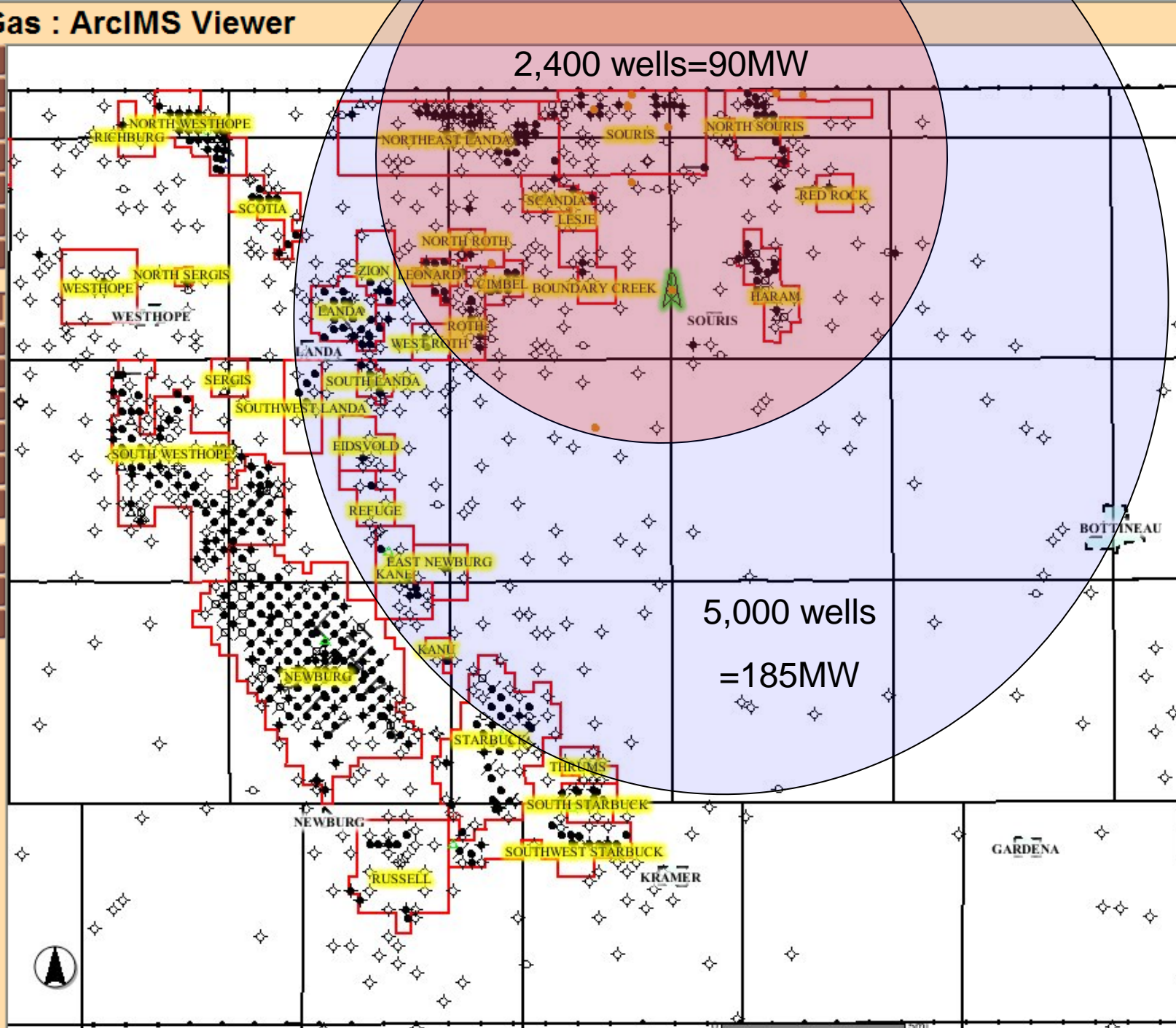
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# RESOURCE POTENTIAL OF THE TYLER FORMATION

Stephan H. Nordeng and Timothy O. Nesheim

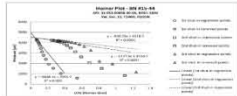


Figure 1. Horner plot of pressures measured during the shut-in periods of an open hole drill stem test (DST) of the Tyler Formation (R330-R332 ft. M.O.) in Precinct Co. A, DePue's D01F3-44 (Figure 5, #6848). The extrapolated shut-in pressure (Horner, 1951) from the 2nd and 3rd shut-in periods of the DST indicate that the Tyler Formation fluid pressure is ~625 psi at a depth of 8230 ft, which yields a pressure gradient (0.53 psi/ft) above the expected hydrostatic pressure range (0.43-0.46 psi/ft). The 1st shut-in period did not reach "steady-state" conditions and therefore does not yield a reliable extrapolated formation pressure. The fluid recovered in this test was 354' of gas cut mud. This well was spudded on February 2nd, 1979 (DST run on March 13th, 1979) in the Flat Top Butte field, where only one well produced just 464,804 bbl of oil from the Tyler Formation over a four-month period in 1980 (Fenton Inc's Many Face #1; API: 33-093-00403-00-00; NDC: 1967; Sec. 14; T460W; R330W). There is no record of injection within the Flat Top Butte field.

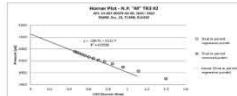


Figure 2. Horner plot of pressures measured during the shut-in period of an open hole drill stem test (DST) of the Tyler Formation (7343-7376 ft. M.O.) in Alexander Petroleum Corp's #171189 #2, shown on Figure 3 by #4627. Both the maximum pressure recorded (4039 psi @ 0.52 psi/ft) and the extrapolated formation pressure (4212 psi @ 0.53 psi/ft) are above the hydrostatic pressure range expected for the depth tested (3300-3500 psi @ 0.43-0.46 psi/ft). The DST fluid recovery was 2.5 MBBL of oil, reversed out 69.34 MBBL of oil. Cumulative production for this well was 3,400,113 MBBL of oil. This well was spudded on May 2nd, 1965 (DST run on May 13th, 1965) in the Medora field, where initial production began in June, 1964 and initial injection in February, 1970.

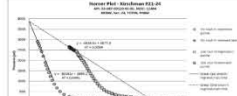


Figure 3. Horner plot of pressures measured during the shut-in period of a conventional bottom hole drill stem test (DST) on the Tyler Formation (7540-7556 ft. M.O.) in Milestone Petroleum's Clinchman #12124, shown on Figure 5 by #11484. The calculated fluid pressure of the Tyler Formation (the average of the extrapolated pressures from the two DST shut-in periods) is ~3883 psi at a depth of 7545 ft, which yields a pressure gradient (0.53 psi/ft) above the hydrostatic pressure expected for this depth (0.43-0.46 psi/ft). The DST fluid recovered was 0.028 bbl of oil and 0.6 bbl of water. Injection #12124 was a solid-bit drill-stem test of production and injection in the Tyler Formation.

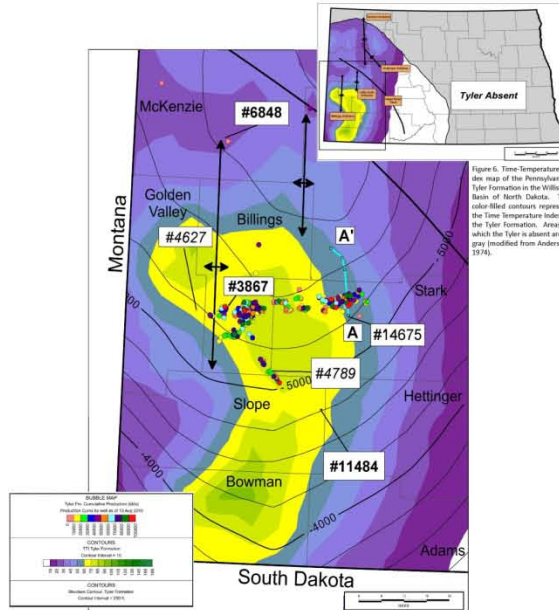


Figure 5. Detail map showing the distribution of Tyler production (Total Bbls) in North Dakota together with Time-Temperature contours and the location of wells from which pressure gradients (#6848, #3867, #11484) and Rock Eval data (#4627, #4789) were obtained. The color-filled contours represent the Time-Temperature Index of the Tyler Formation and are keyed to the color bar located in the lower left corner. Shades of yellow and green (503) represent the TTI that correspond with the oil window. TTI's less than 65 and above 15 are in shades of blue and purple and represent conditions that could generate oil. This map lies within the black outline on Figure 6. Cumulative production from the Tyler Formation (Barrels oil) is represented by the color of the circles centered on the wells that have and/or are producing oil from the Tyler Formation. The solid contour lines on the detail map represent the mean sea level elevation of the top of the Tyler Formation.

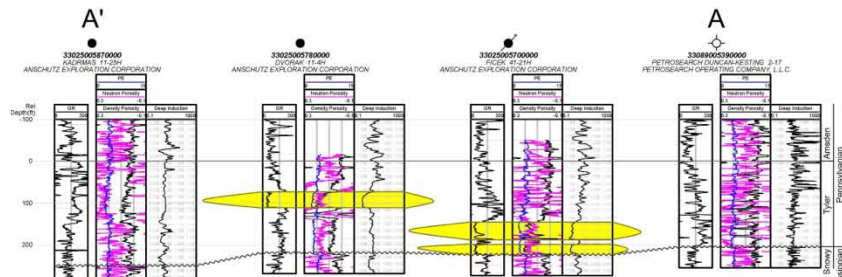


Figure 4. Cross section extending from A to A' along the light blue line in Figure 5. The bedding 3-17 (#14675 on Figure 5) corresponds to the point labeled A. Conventional sandstone reservoirs are shown in yellow. The section illustrates the discontinuous nature of the conventional sandstone reservoirs of the Tyler Formation.

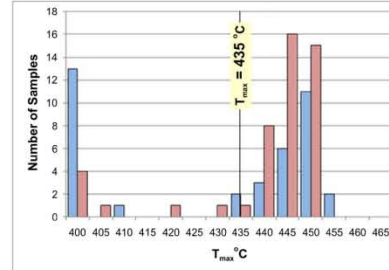


Figure 7. A frequency diagram showing that most of the samples of the Tyler Formation thermally matured beyond the threshold that marks the onset of oil generation (Tmax = 435°C).

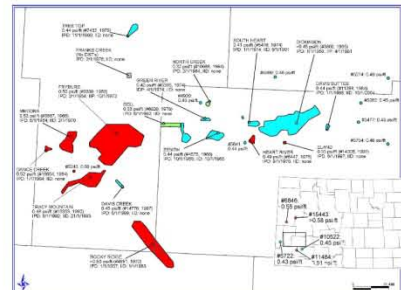


Figure 8. Field map showing the producing Tyler Fields in southern Billings, Slope, and Stark counties. For each field the initial Pressure Gradient (PG), Initial Production Date (IPD), and Initial Injection Date (IID) are given. Fields with evidence of initial oil overpressure in the Tyler are colored in red. Fields that were initially at hydrostatic pressure are colored in blue, and fields that were underpressure prior to production are colored green. Most of the western Tyler fields all contain evidence of overpressure prior to injection with the exception of Davis Creek. The eastern Tyler fields were at or below hydrostatic pressure, with the exception of the Heart River and Dead fields. Field boundaries are approximate. In the bottom right corner is an index map of North Dakota showing the Tyler DST's of interest with their NDC well numbers that are located outside the main area of Tyler production. DST results indicate that the Tyler Formation is over-pressured in three wells and at hydrostatic pressure within two wells outside the area of main production.

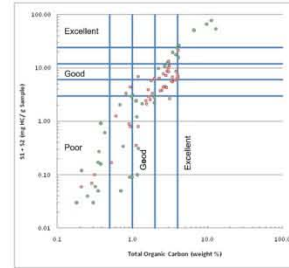


Figure 9. A kerogen quality diagram (Dembicki, 2009) constructed from the Total Organic Carbon (TOC) versus the most of existing DSI and potential SII hydrocarbons contained in samples of the Tyler Formation. The samples are from the Government Taylor A-1 (green circles) and the State of North Dakota #41-30 (red squares).

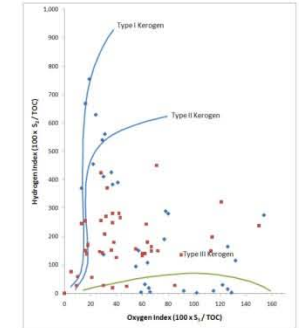


Figure 10. A modified van Krevelen diagram that classifies kerogen on the basis of the Hydrogen Index (HI) and Oxygen index (OI) derived from Rock Eval pyrolysis data. The blue diamonds represent the data from the Government Taylor A-1 (NDC #4627, 1951; Sec. 9, T339N, R330W) and the red squares refer to data from the State of North Dakota #41-30 (NDC # 4789, NE NE, Sec. 36, T137N, R330W). The data suggest that kerogen within the Tyler Formation includes all prone Type I and Type II, gas prone Type III as well as mixtures of both of oil and gas prone kerogen.

## Discussion

The purpose of this study is to examine the pressures within the Pennsylvanian aged Tyler Formation with the intent of determining whether or not the formation exhibits pressure-depth relationships consistent with a source system that is hydrologically isolated from the over- and underlying formations. Hydrologic isolation is one of the key elements that Schrodner (1996) used to define a basin-centered petroleum accumulation. Miesner (1978) recognized several of these elements in the Bakken Formation in the Williston basin. In their accumulation, the source rock and reservoir rock are either one and the same or lie in very close proximity to one another. This occurs because the rocks that encase the source beds lack sufficient permeability to allow petroleum generated within the source beds to escape and migrate away. As a result, pressures within the source beds and associated reservoir rocks typically exhibit abnormally high or low formation fluid pressure relative to the pressure expected in a reservoir that is in hydraulic communication with the overlying rocks. The "expected" pressure in the study areas shows hydrostatic conditions so that the expected pressure would be consistent with a hydrostatic gradient of between 0.43 and 0.49 psi/ft. Therefore, abnormally low or high pressure would yield hydrostatic gradients (pressure/depth) that lie outside the range of gradients that correspond with fresh water (0.43 psi/ft) or saltwater (0.49 psi/ft).

The Tyler Formation is a regionally extensive, organically-rich, Pennsylvanian unit deposited during the earliest stages of the Anarokua Sequence. Terrestrial sediments derived from source areas south of the Williston basin are interbedded with nearshore, marine limestone and shale (Gerhard and Anderson, 1988). The Tyler Formation is bounded below by an erosional surface developed on Mississippian aged rocks formed during tectonic uplift in the Late Mississippian and Early Pennsylvanian. A variety of lithologies consistent with progradation of sediments into the basin over the Tyler except along the eastern margin of the basin where these rocks have been truncated by the erosional surface that marks the Absaroka - Zuni sequence boundary (Anderson, 1972; Gerhard and Anderson, 1988).

Pressure gradients were obtained from pressure build-up curves and pressure recorder depths used during drill stem tests of the Tyler Formation. Estimates of formation pressures are obtained by constructing Horner plots in which formation pressures are plotted against the logarithm of Horner Time = (Total Flow Time - Δt)shut-in time / (Δt)shut-in time. The formation pressure is determined from the Horner plot by finding the y-intercept of the best fit line that passes through the pressure recorded during the last part of the shut-in periods (Figure 1-3).

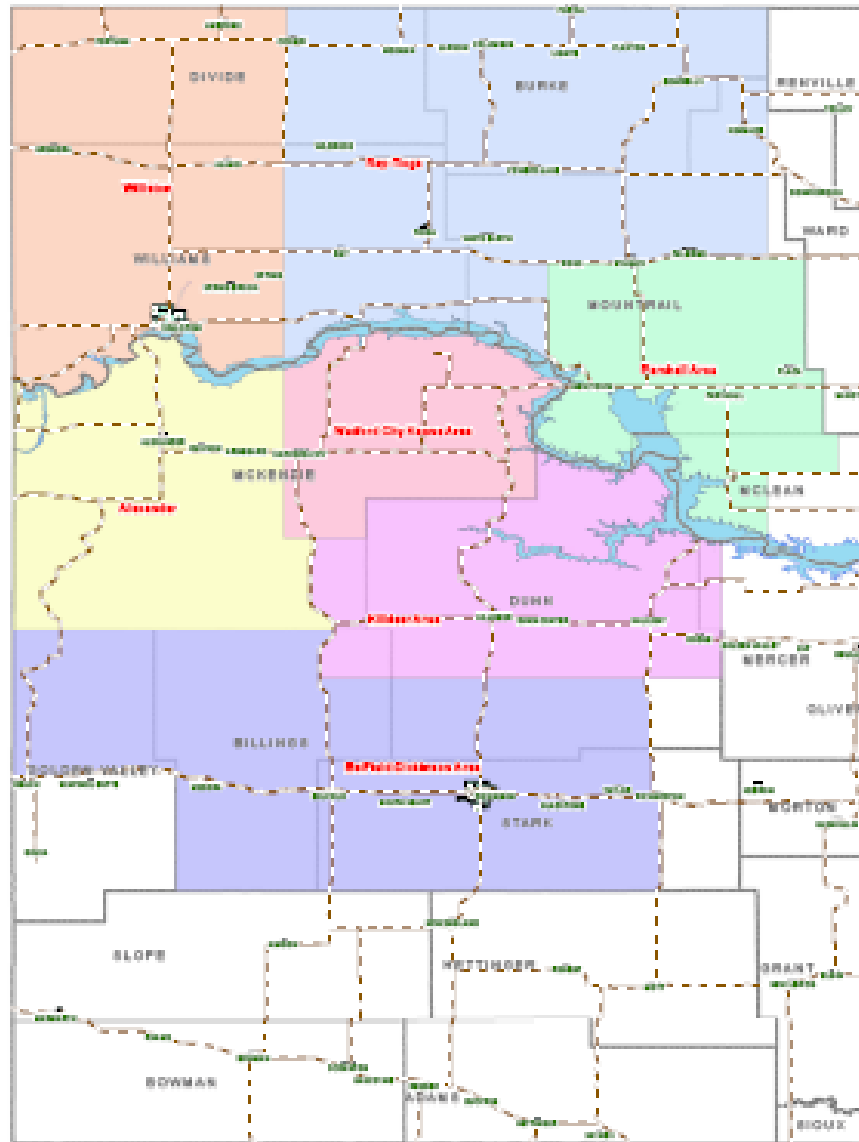
The range of initial pressure gradients present in the Tyler Formation suggest that the formation is frequently over-pressured and in a few cases under-pressured. Several fields were initially over-pressured and prior to injection: Davis Creek, Grand, Flat Top Butte, Fryberg, Heart River, Medora, Rocky Ridge, and Round Top Butte (Figure 8). Most of these over-pressured fields are located on the western side of the producing Tyler fields. Two fields may have been under-pressured prior to production, Bell and North Creek, which are located in the central area of most of the producing Tyler fields (Figure 8). These results lead to the conclusion that the Tyler Formation is not always in hydraulic communication with the units above or below it. These data suggest that the Tyler may be sufficiently isolated so as to prevent the petroleum generated within the Tyler Formation to escape.

The Time-Temperature Index (TTI) map of the Tyler Formation, constructed from modern geothermal heat flow measurements (DMG Geothermal Lab, 2010) and stratigraphic interval thickness data shows that oil production from the Tyler Formation is from rocks that are mature enough to generate oil. Rock Eval data also indicates that at least some of the organic-rich rocks within the Tyler are good to excellent source rocks even though there is probably more than one type of kerogen present. The available Rock Eval data also confirms the presence of thermally mature shales in vicinity of current Tyler production (Figures 5 & 7).

The limited data available today suggest the Tyler Formation is a regionally extensive unit that may contain good to excellent quantities of oil prone kerogen (Figures 9 & 10) that is sufficiently mature (Figure 7) to generate within a hydrologically compartmentalized environment (Figure 8). If so, then the Tyler Formation possesses the elements needed to qualify as a basin centered petroleum accumulation.

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# Western North Dakota

- 1,450 to 2,940 wells/year–2,140 expected
  - 100-165 rigs = 12,000 – 19,800 jobs
- 11 - 23 million gallons frac water/day
- 10 to 20 years
  - 21,250 new wells = long term jobs

# Williston Area

- 150 to 440 wells per year – 250 expected
  - 15-35 rigs = 1,800 – 4,200 jobs
- 2 million – 5 million gallons frac water/day
- 10 to 20 years
  - 3,750 new wells = long term jobs

# Alexander Area

- 150 to 250 wells per year – 180 expected
  - 10-14 rigs = 1,200 – 1,700 jobs
- 2 million – 3 million gallons frac water/day
- 10 to 15 years
  - 2,250 new wells = long term jobs

# Ray-Tioga Area

- 300 to 600 wells per year – 400 expected
  - 20-40 rigs = 2,800 – 4,800 jobs
- 3 million – 6 million gallons frac water/day
- 10 to 20 years
  - 6,000 new wells = long term jobs

# Watford City - Keene Area

- 250 to 450 wells per year – 350 expected
  - 15-25 rigs = 1,800 – 3,000 jobs
- 3 million – 4 million gallons frac water/day
- 5 to 7 years
  - 2,100 new wells = long term jobs

# Killdeer Area

- 250 to 550 wells per year – 400 expected
  - 15-30 rigs = 1,800 – 3,600 jobs
- 3 million – 4 million gallons frac water/day
- 5 to 7 years
  - 2,400 new wells = long term jobs



# Parshall Area

- 300 to 550 wells per year – 500 expected
  - 20-40 rigs = 2,400 – 4,800 jobs
- 1.5 – 2.5 million gallons frac water/day
- 7 to 10 years
  - 4,250 new wells = long term jobs

# Belfield-Dickinson Area

- 50 to 100 wells per year – 60 expected
  - 3-5 rigs = 350 – 600 jobs
- 0.5 – 1 million gallons frac water/day
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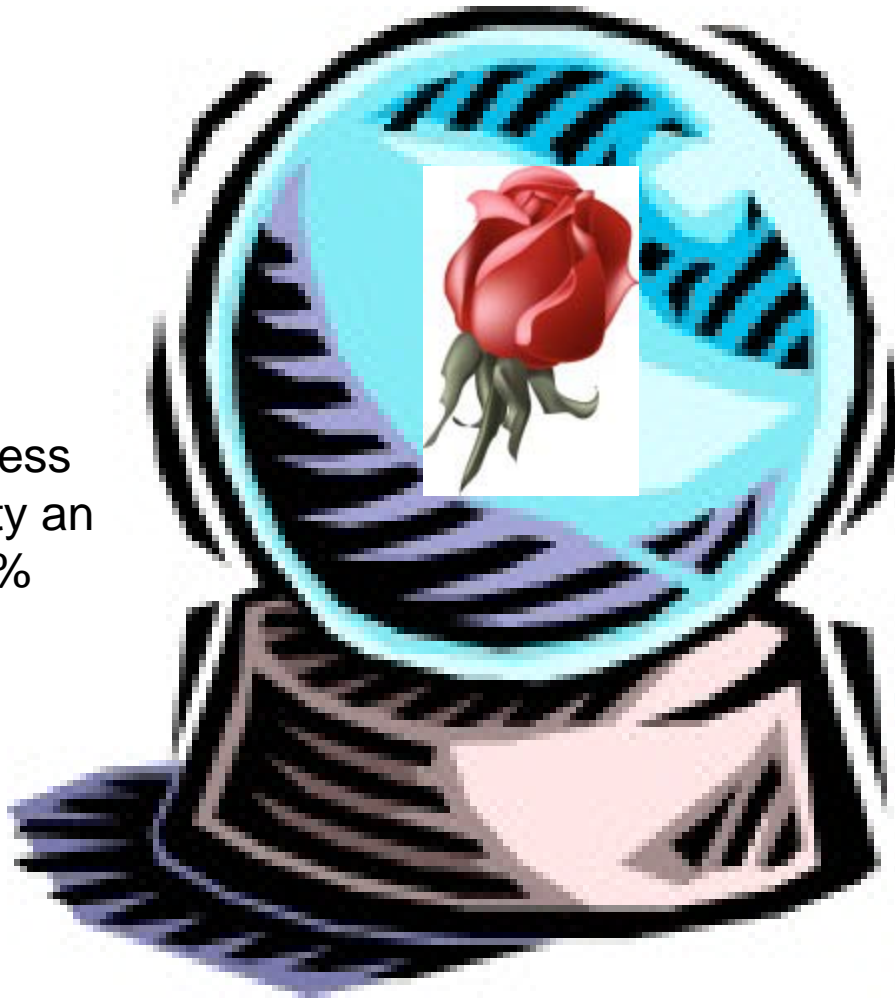
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Federal regulation of hydraulic fracturing would halt activity for 18-24 months

Current administration's budget contains tax changes that would reduce activity an estimated 35-50%

The future looks very rosy for sustainable Bakken/Three Forks development

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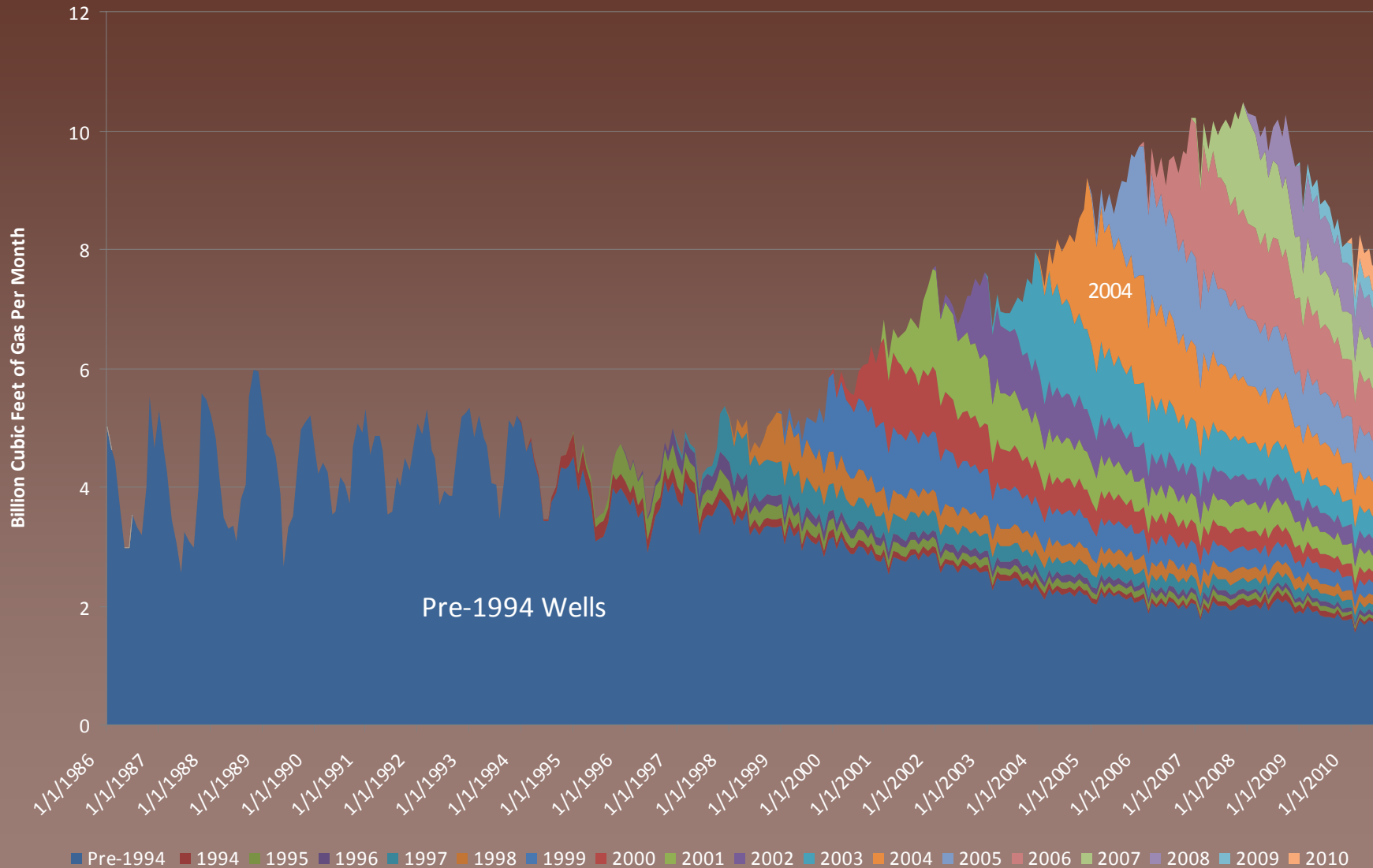
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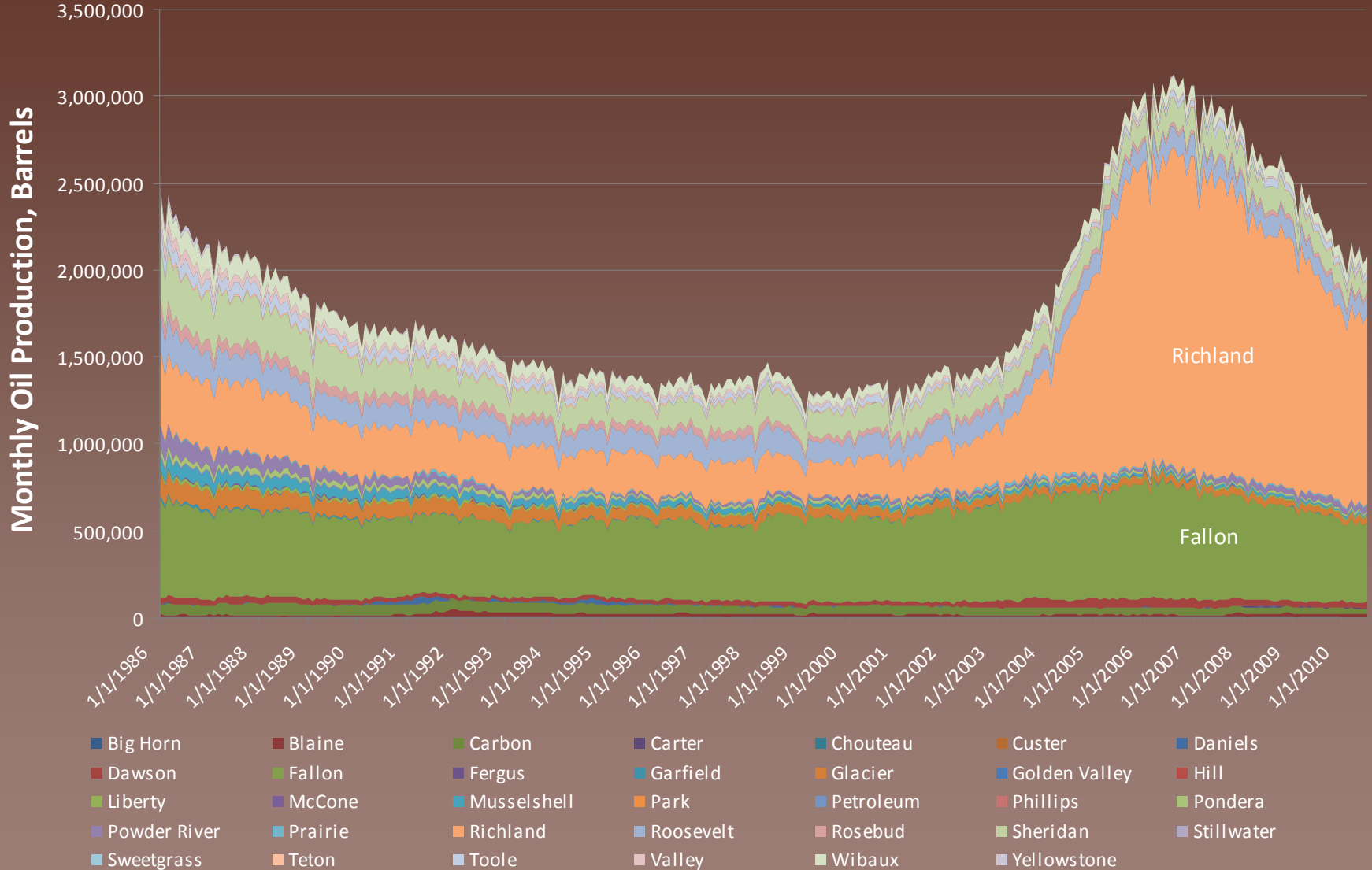
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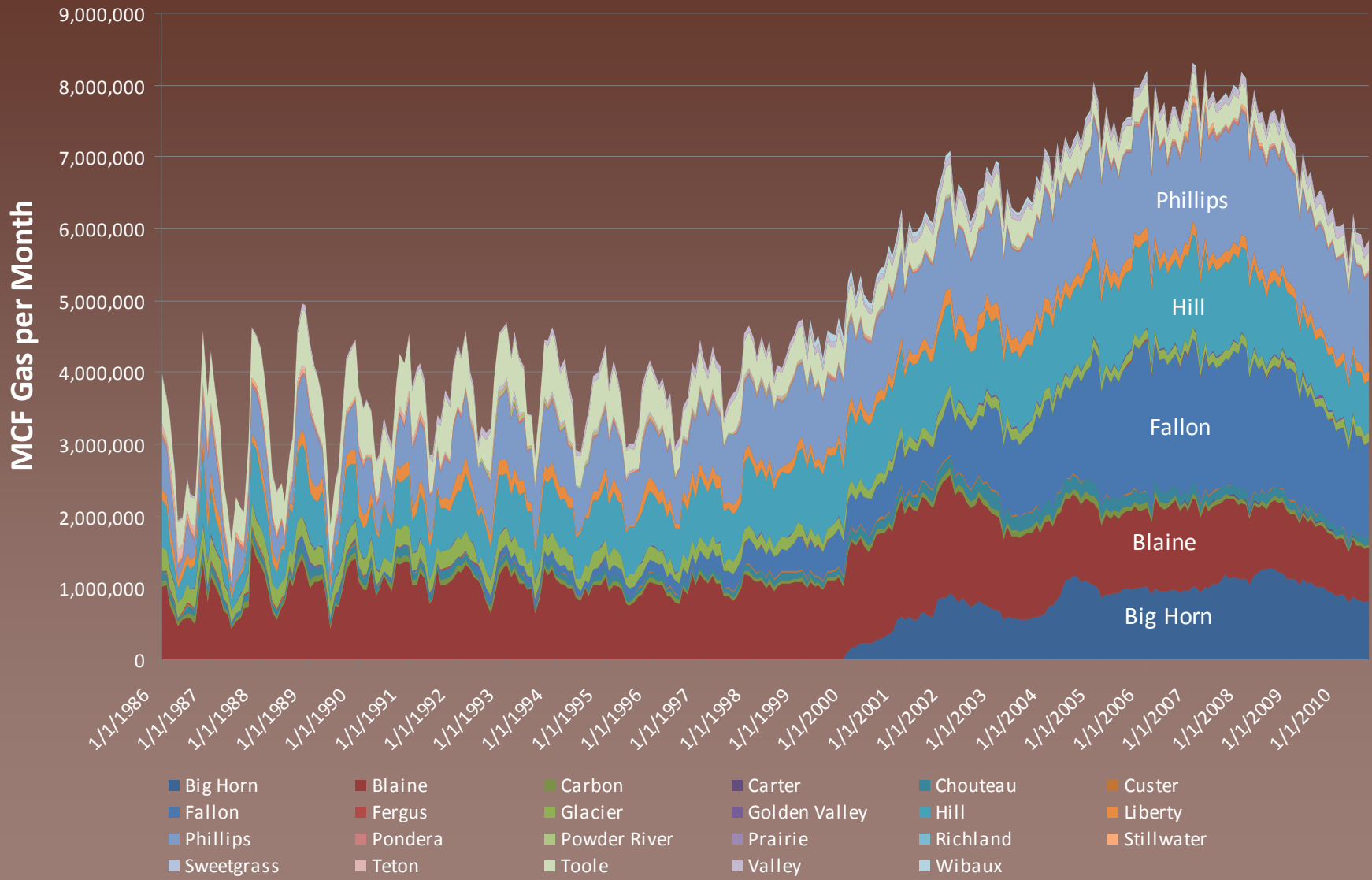
# Montana Statewide Gas Production by Completion Year



# Montana Oil Production by County

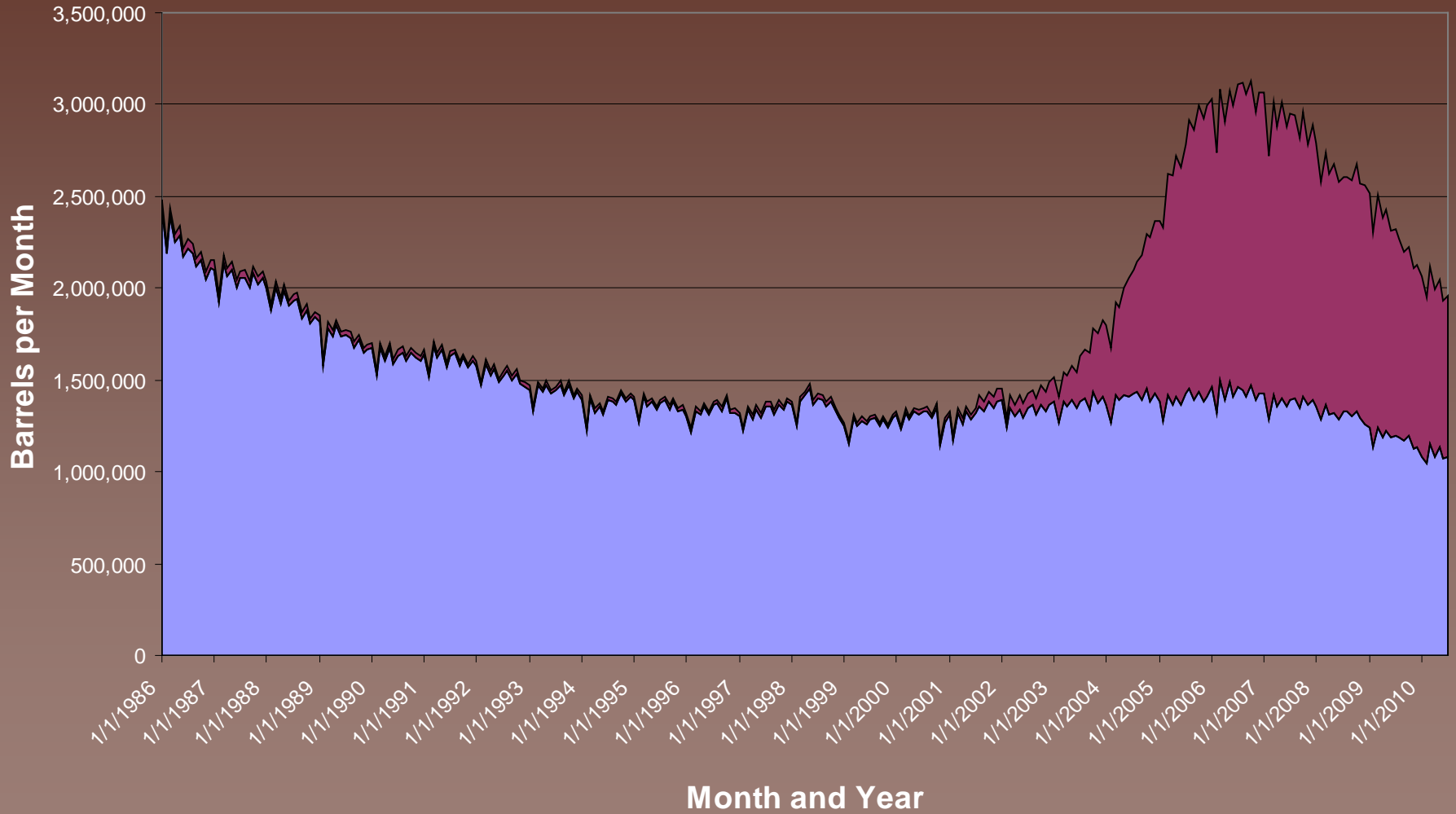


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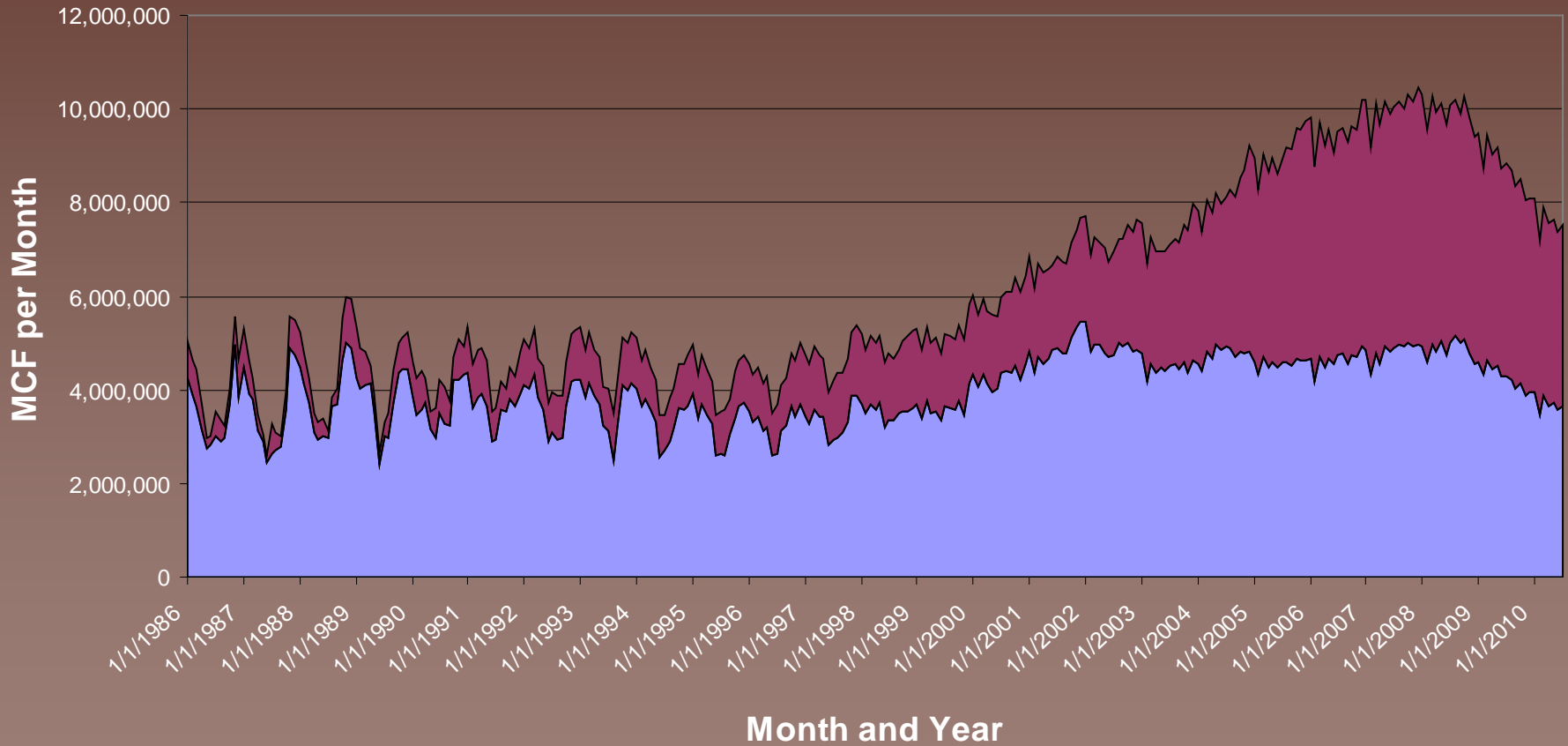




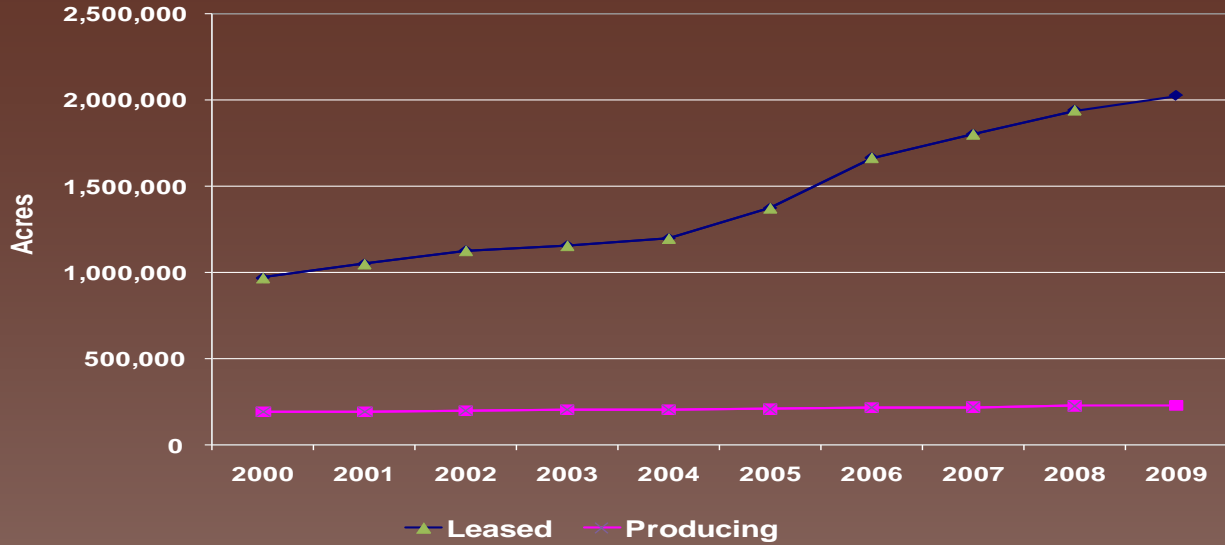
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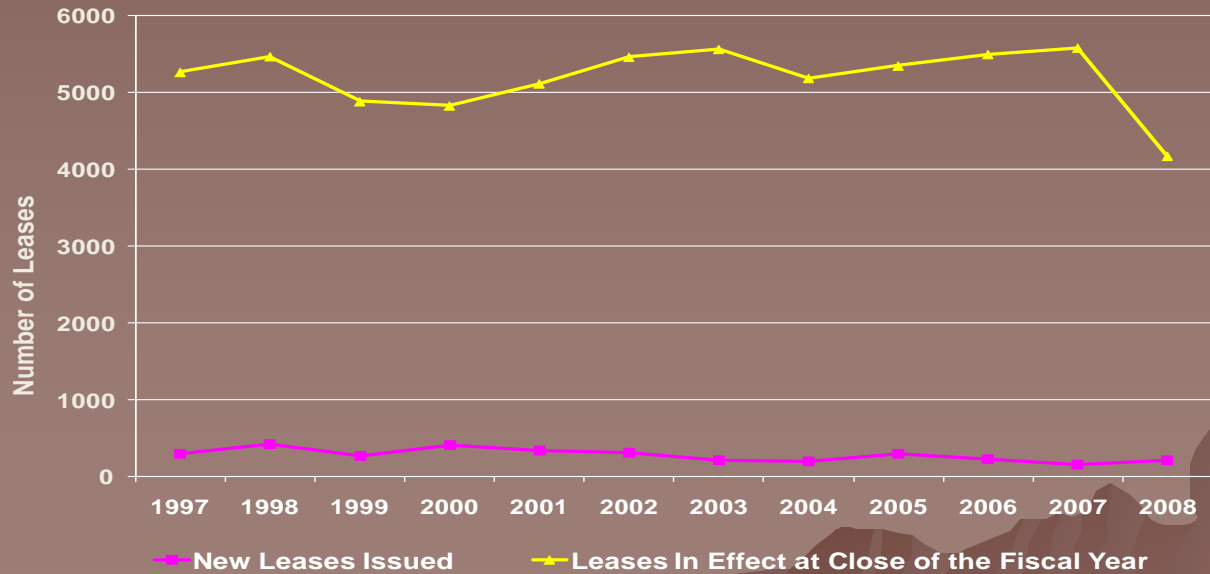
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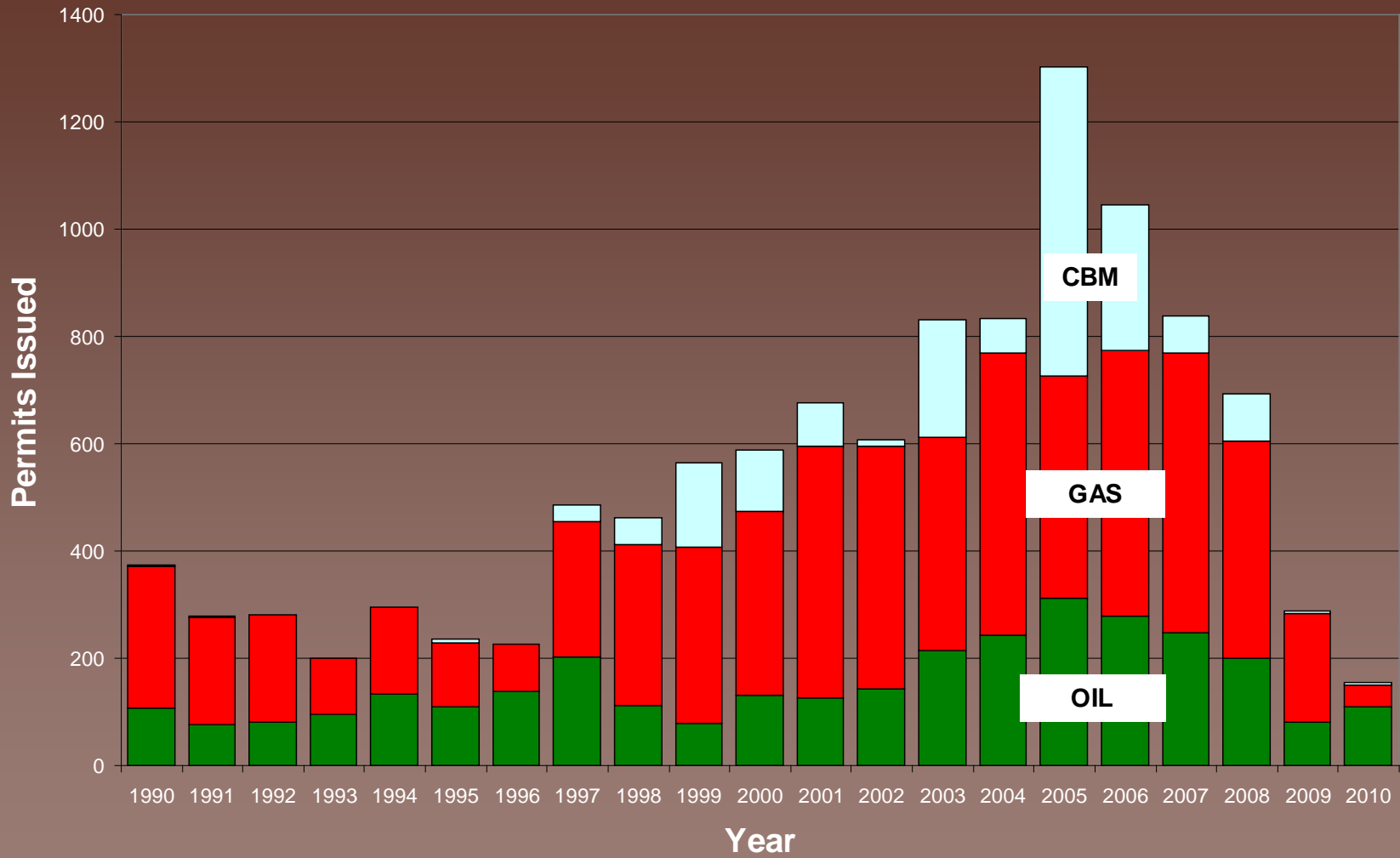
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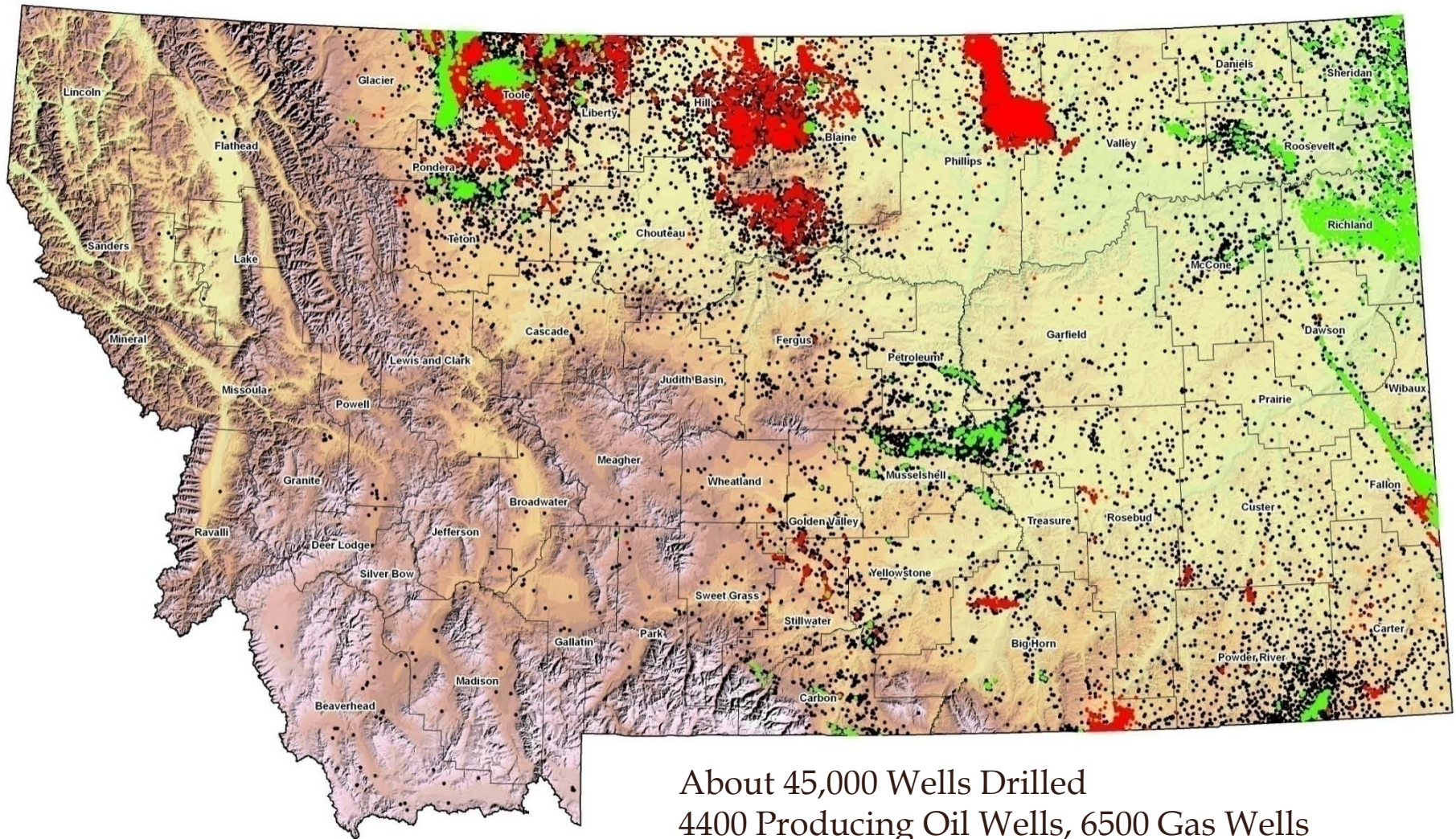
# Federal Leasing Activity In Montana



# Drilling Permits Issued, by Year (Through June 2010)



# Montana Production and Penetrations



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## Crude Oil Pipelines in the Rockies: An historical review, December 2010

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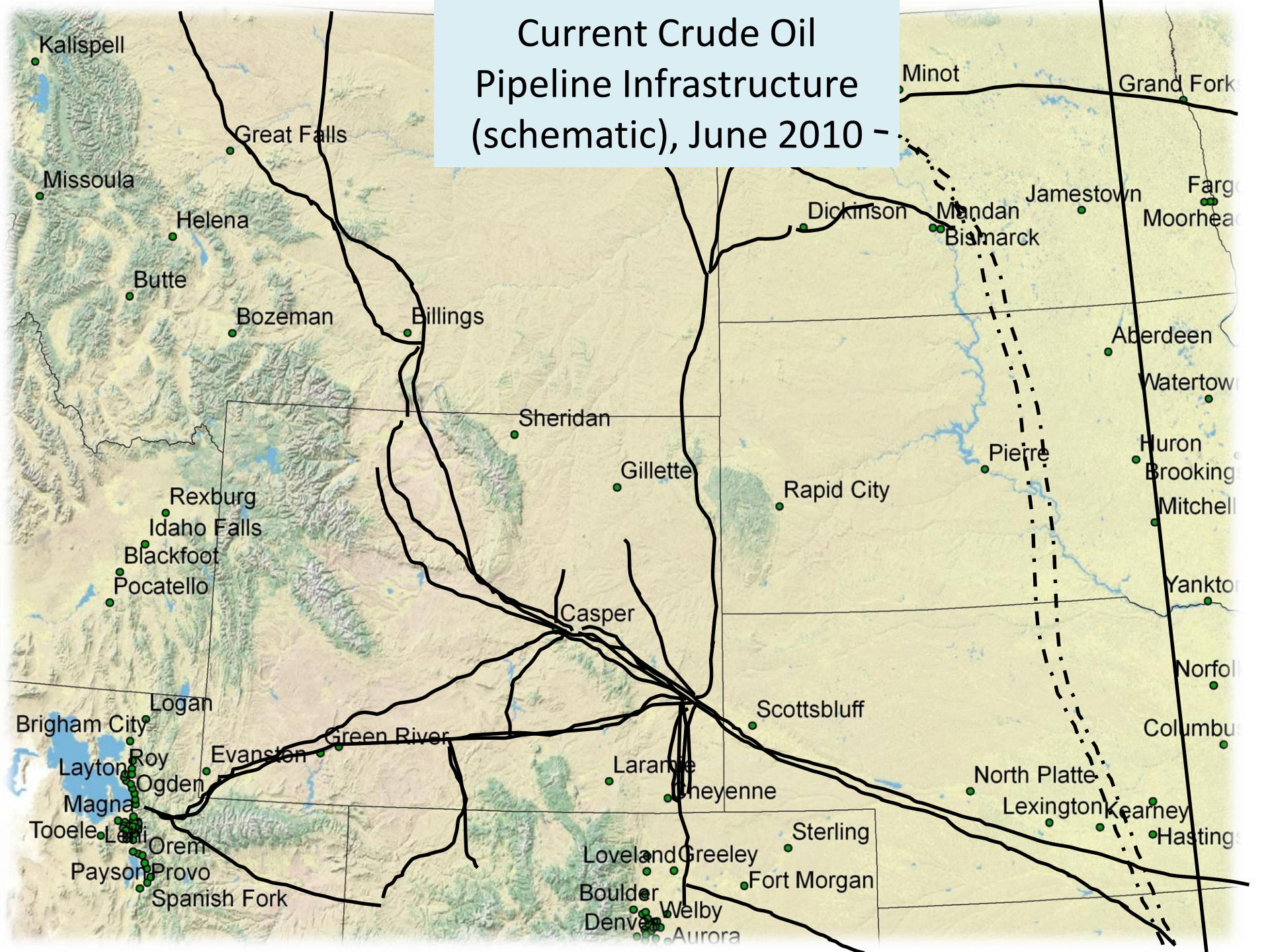
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- Crude oil infrastructure build-out per decade/consumer economic impact
- Anticipated Rockies crude oil production and respective pipeline capacity growth

“people take an interest in history when they have a vested interest in the future” - JL





# Current Crude Oil Pipeline Infrastructure (schematic), June 2010





Colorado, first drilling boom, Florence Oil Field, 1880

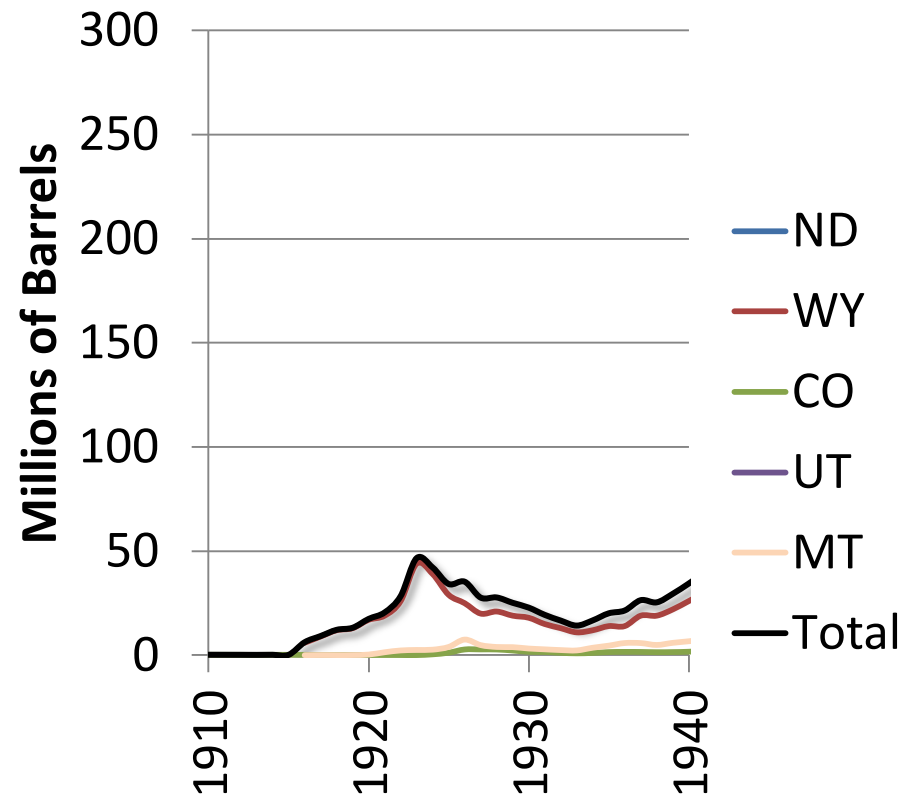
Utah, discovers oil north of SLC, Farmington Bay area in 1891

Wyoming, Marathon begins commercial production in 1912

Preceding and  
through the 1930's

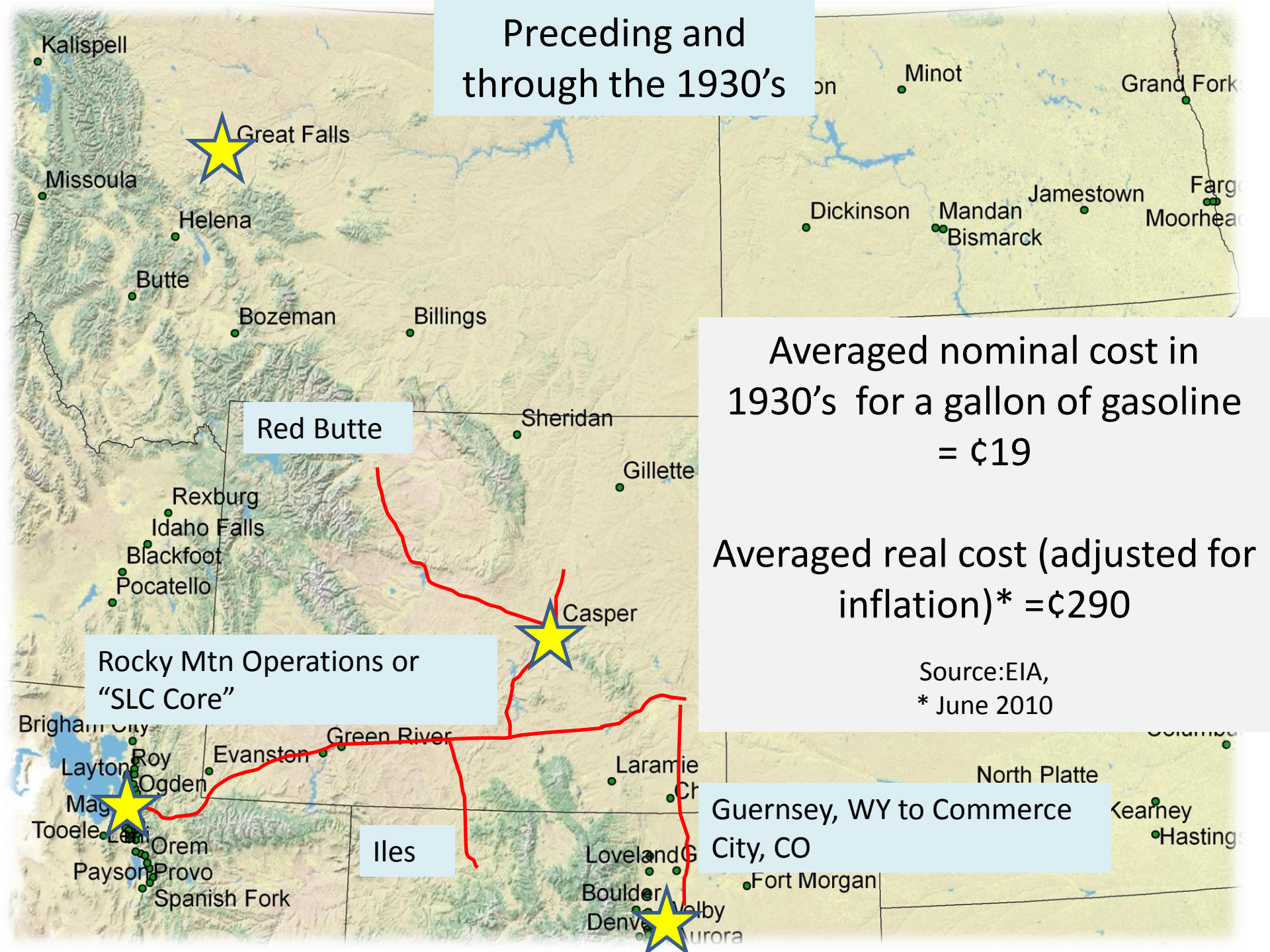


## Rockies Crude Oil Production by Year



Pipeline to Ft. Washakie, (late 1920), Kinder Morgan  
Collection, Casper College Western History Center

Preceding and through the 1930's



Red Butte

Rocky Mtn Operations or "SLC Core"

Illes

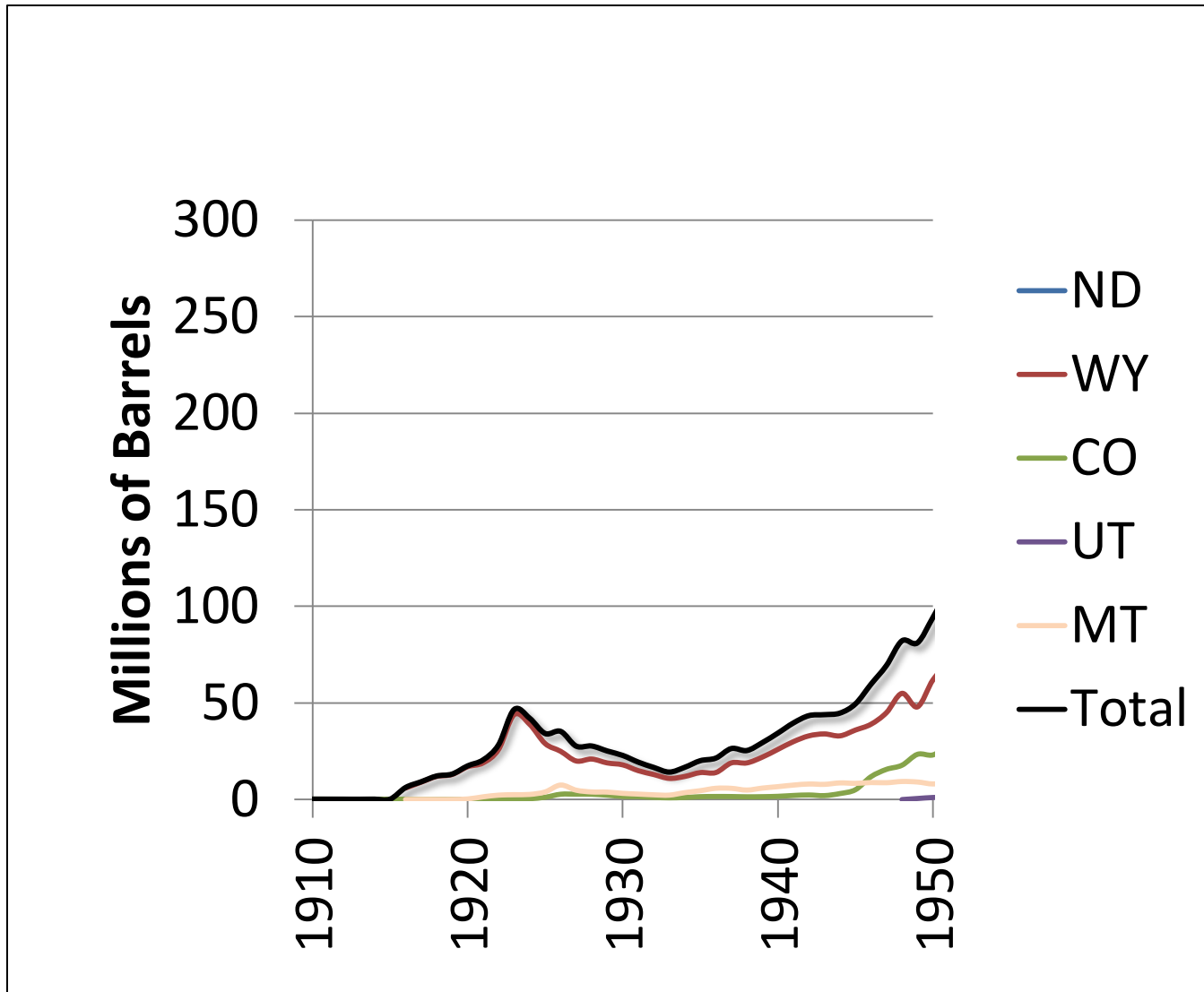
Averaged nominal cost in 1930's for a gallon of gasoline = ¢19

Averaged real cost (adjusted for inflation)\* = ¢290

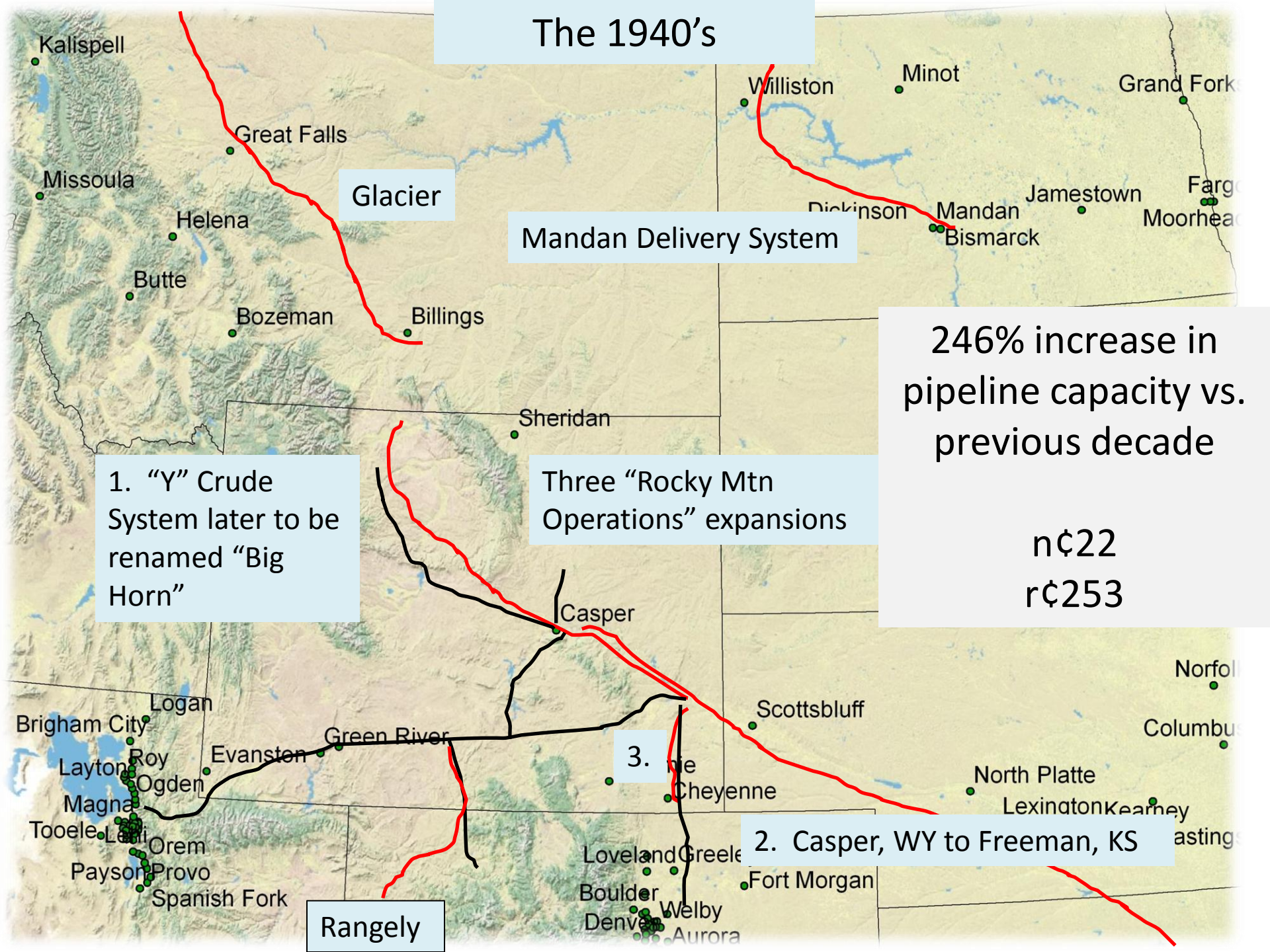
Source: EIA, \* June 2010

Guernsey, WY to Commerce City, CO

# The 1940's



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246% increase in pipeline capacity vs. previous decade

n¢22  
r¢253

1. "Y" Crude System later to be renamed "Big Horn"

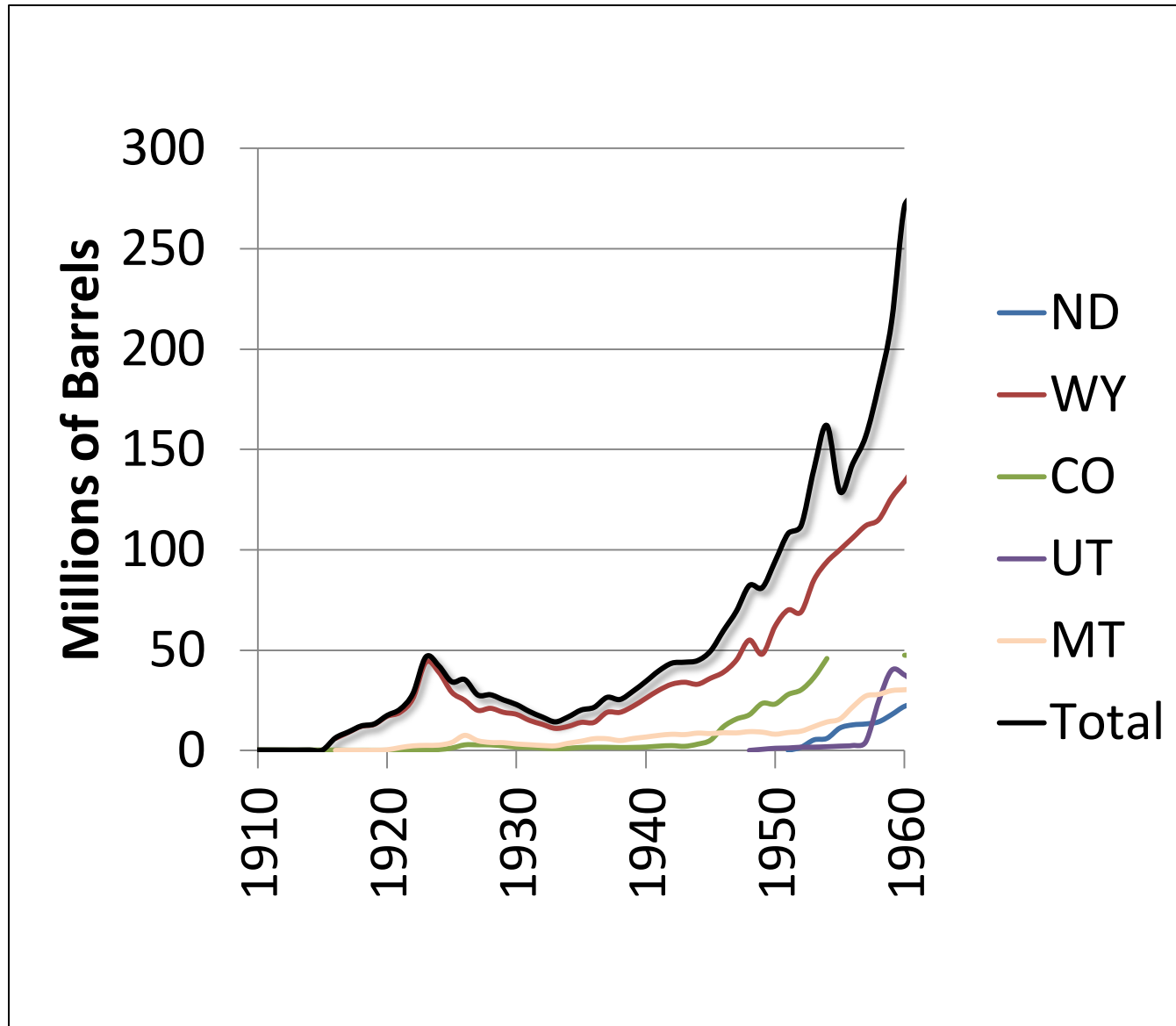
Three "Rocky Mtn Operations" expansions

2. Casper, WY to Freeman, KS

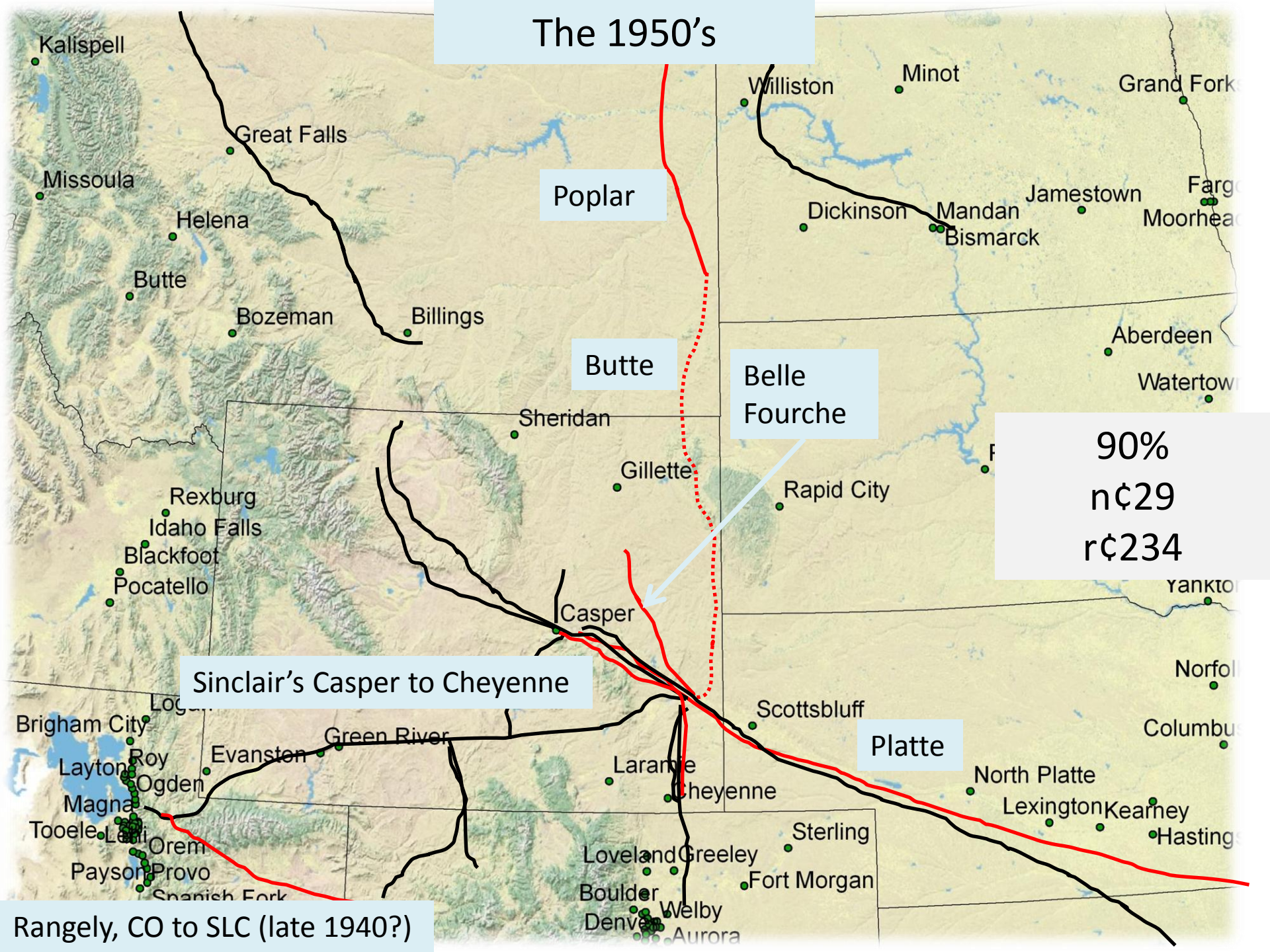
3.

Rangely

# The 1950's



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Poplar

Butte

Belle  
Fourche

Sinclair's Casper to Cheyenne

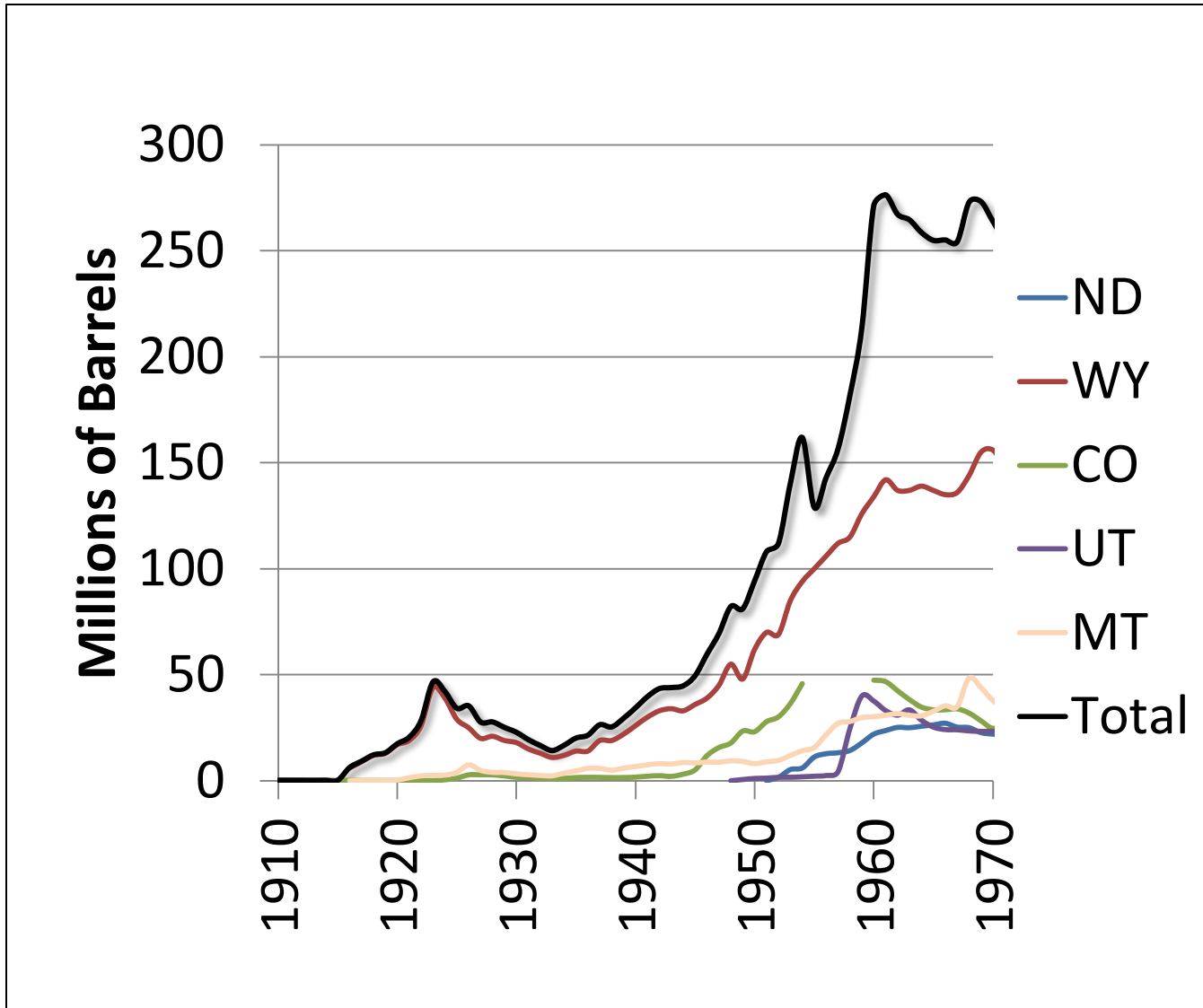
Platte

90%  
n¢29  
r¢234

Rangely, CO to SLC (late 1940?)



# The 1960's

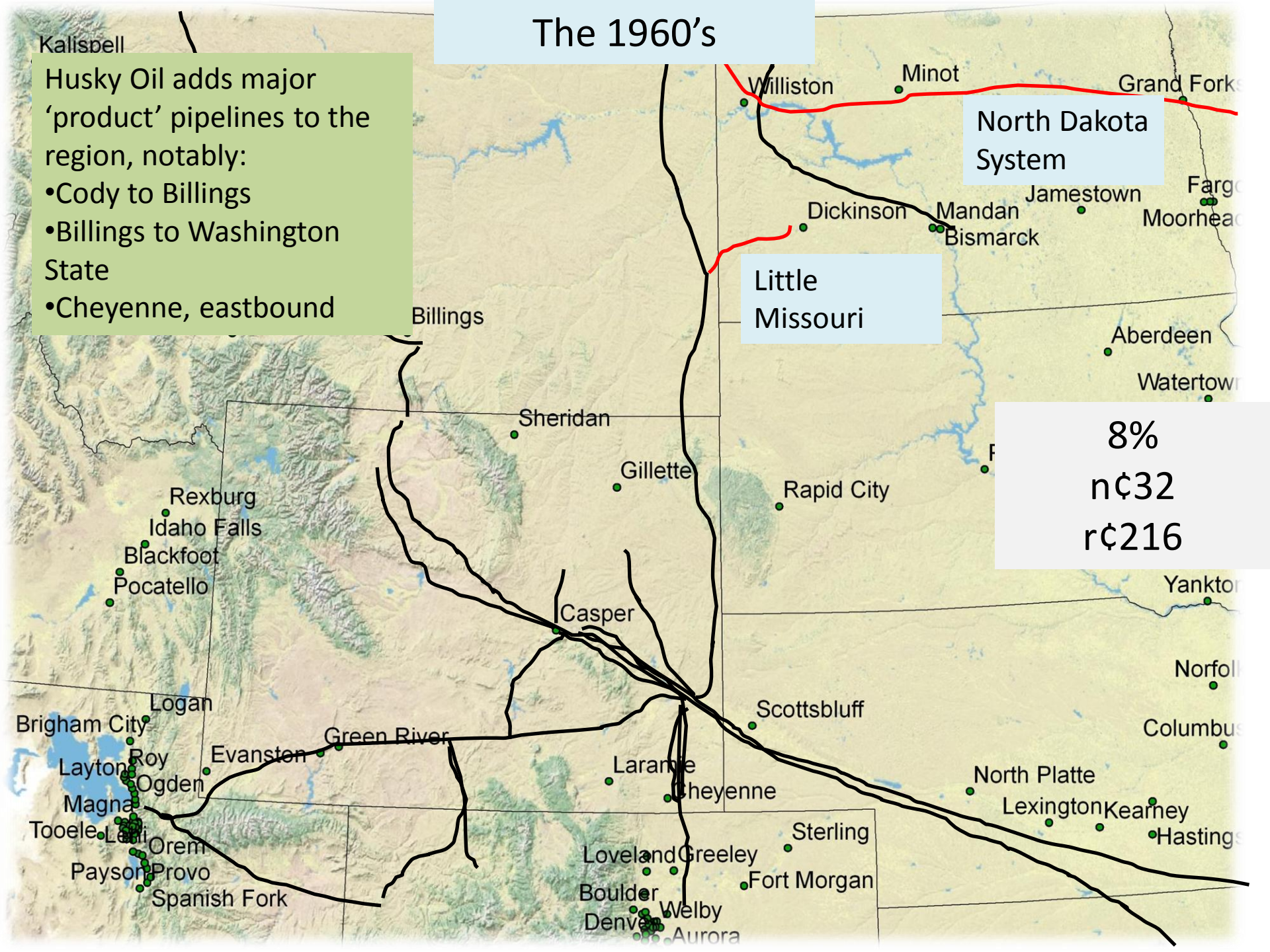


# The 1960's

Kalispell

Husky Oil adds major 'product' pipelines to the region, notably:

- Cody to Billings
- Billings to Washington State
- Cheyenne, eastbound

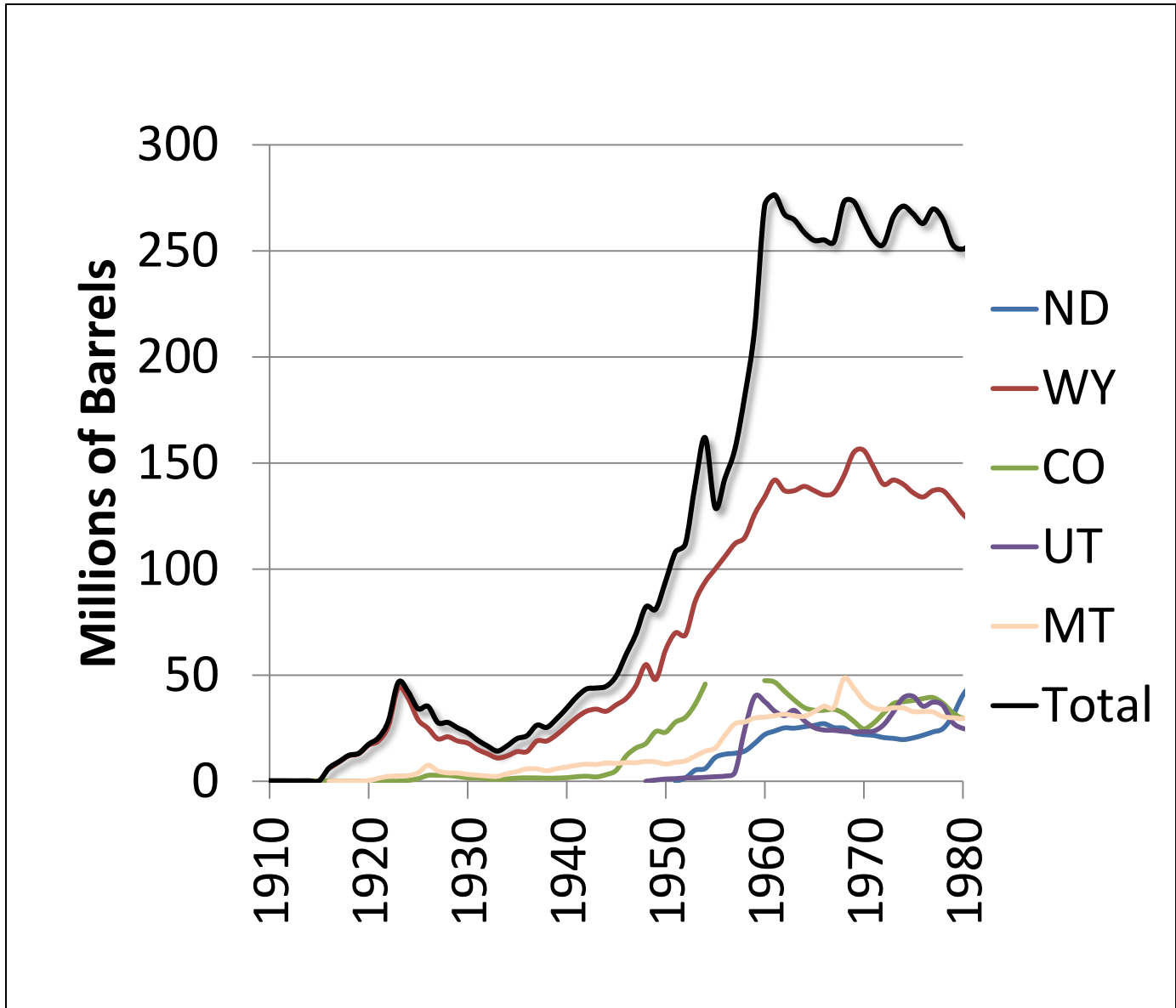


North Dakota System

Little Missouri

8%  
nç32  
rç216

# The 1970's



Pipeline Control Panel, Bear Creek, Slater. Amoco or WYCO (1977). BP (Amoco) Collection, Casper College Western History Center

## The 1970's



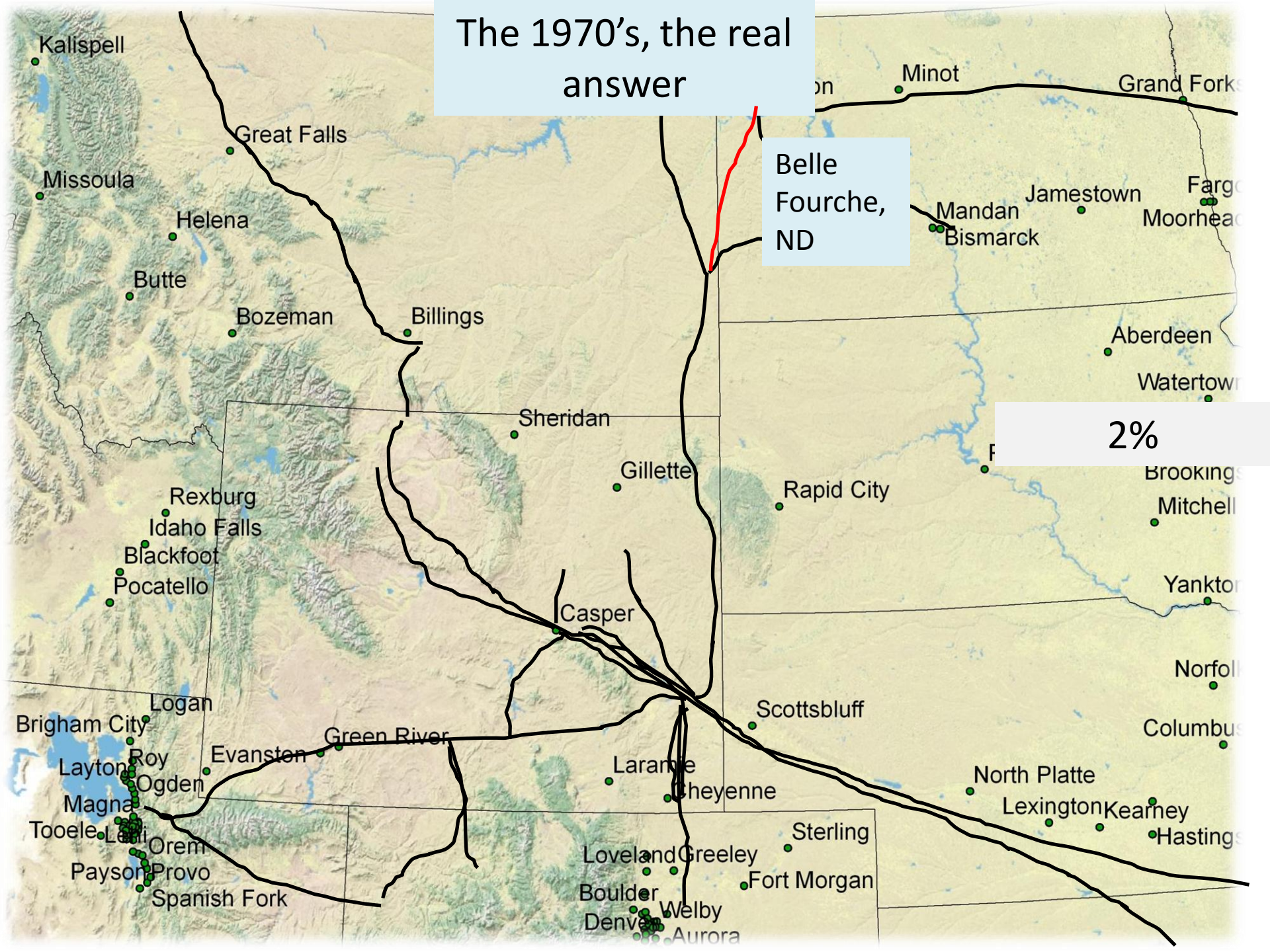
nç59  
rç228

Obviously nothing got done . . . but at least we got some color pictures for the slide show!

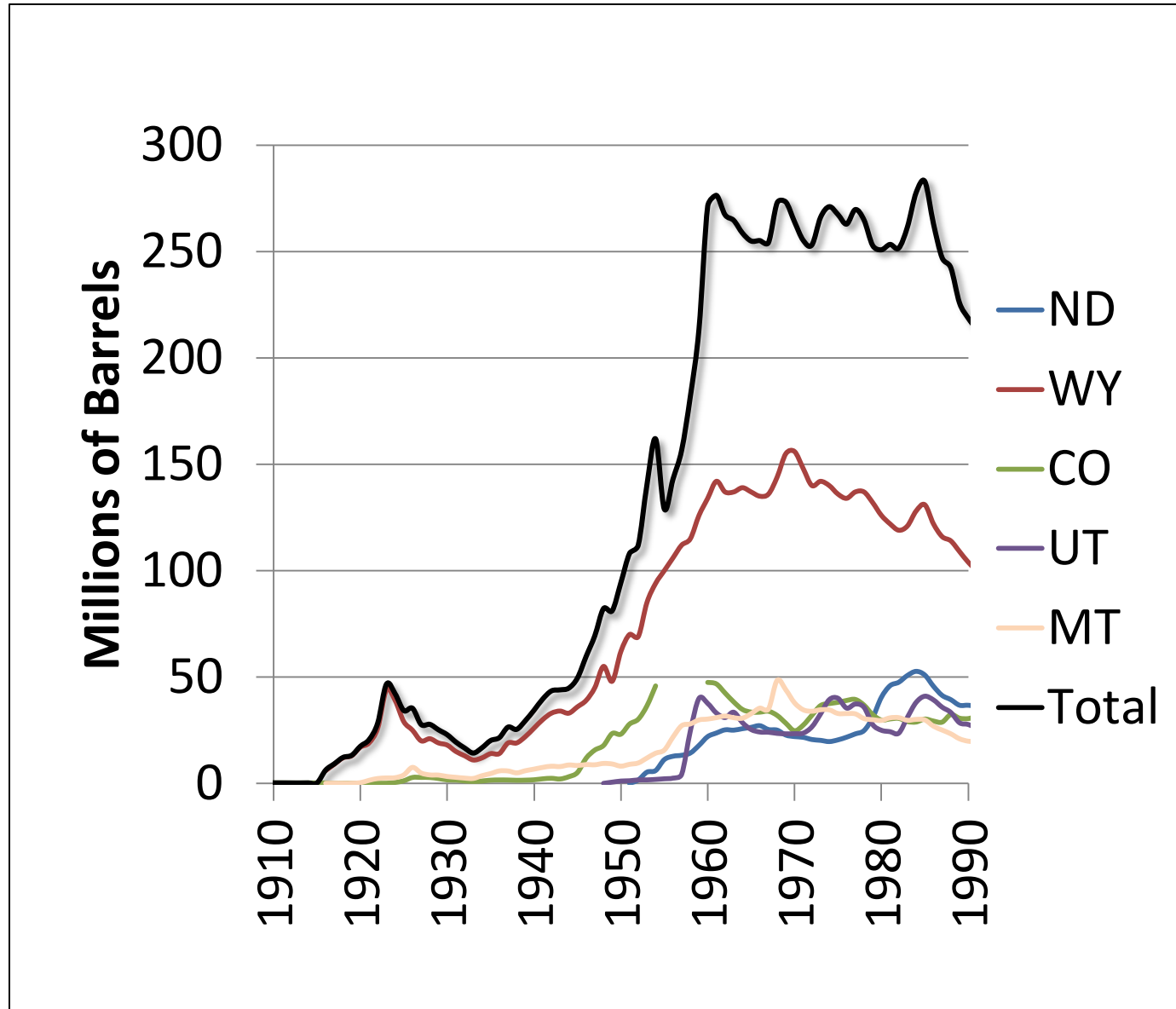
The 1970's, the real answer

Belle Fourche, ND

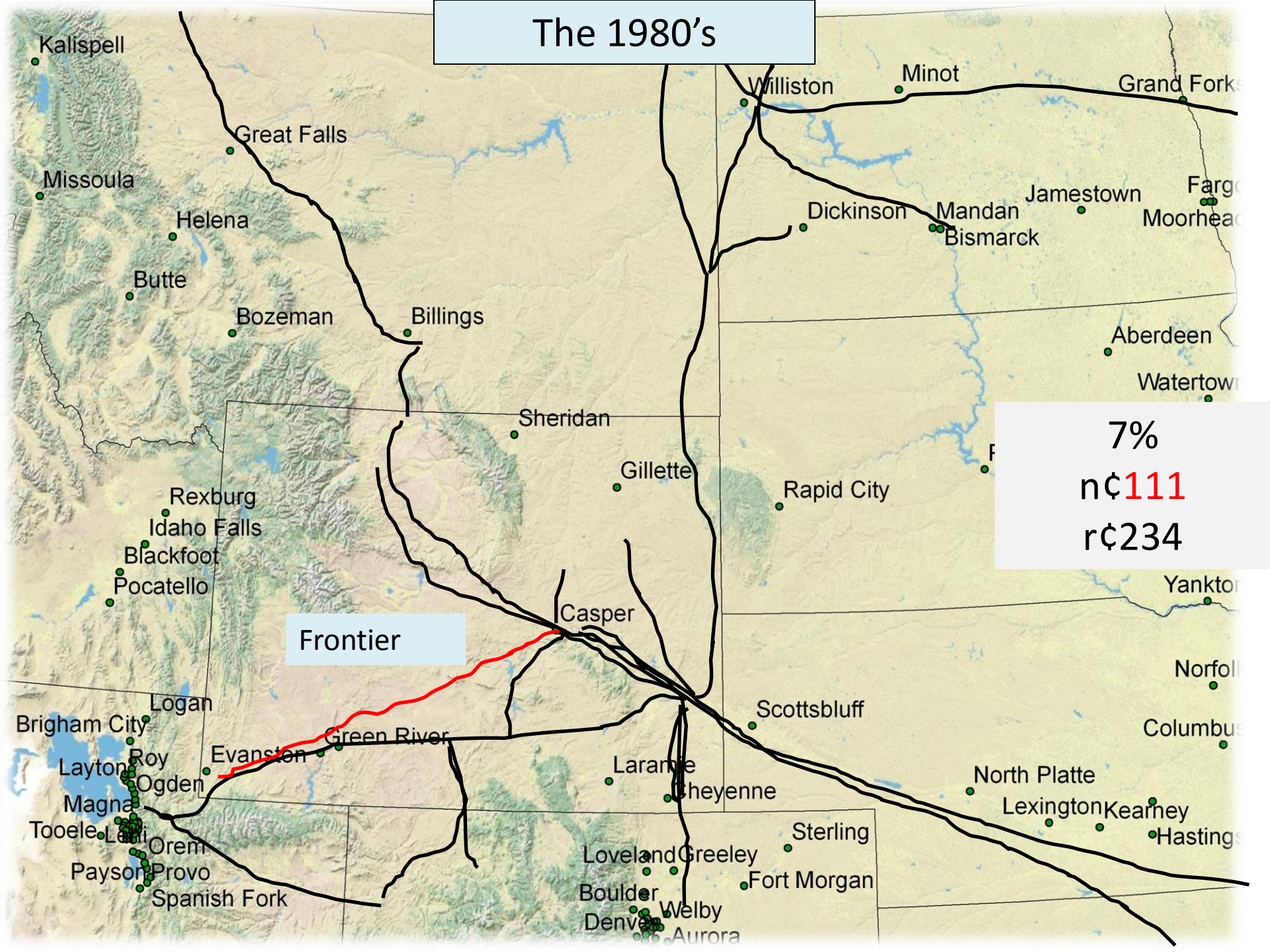
2%



# The 1980's



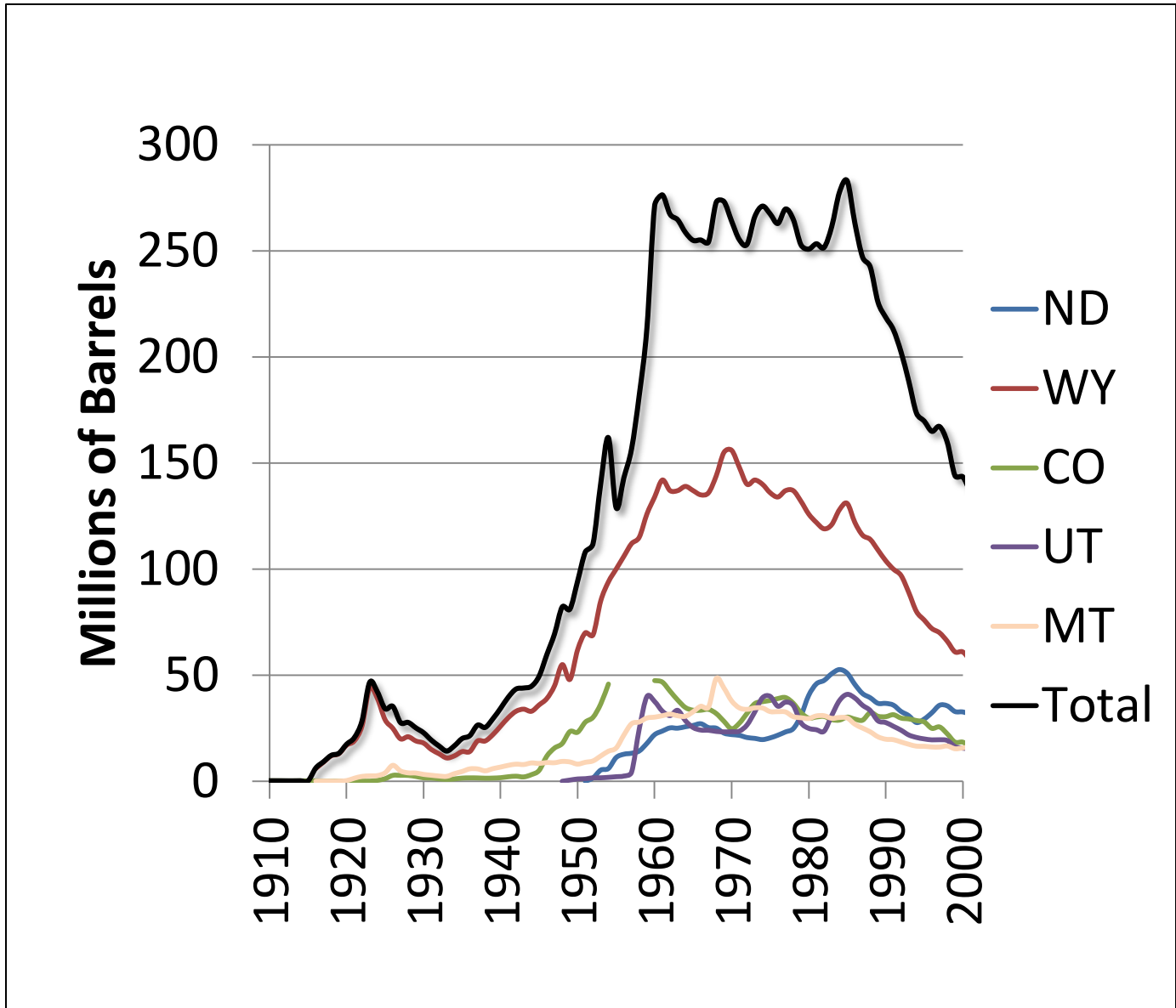
# The 1980's



7%  
n¢111  
r¢234

Frontier

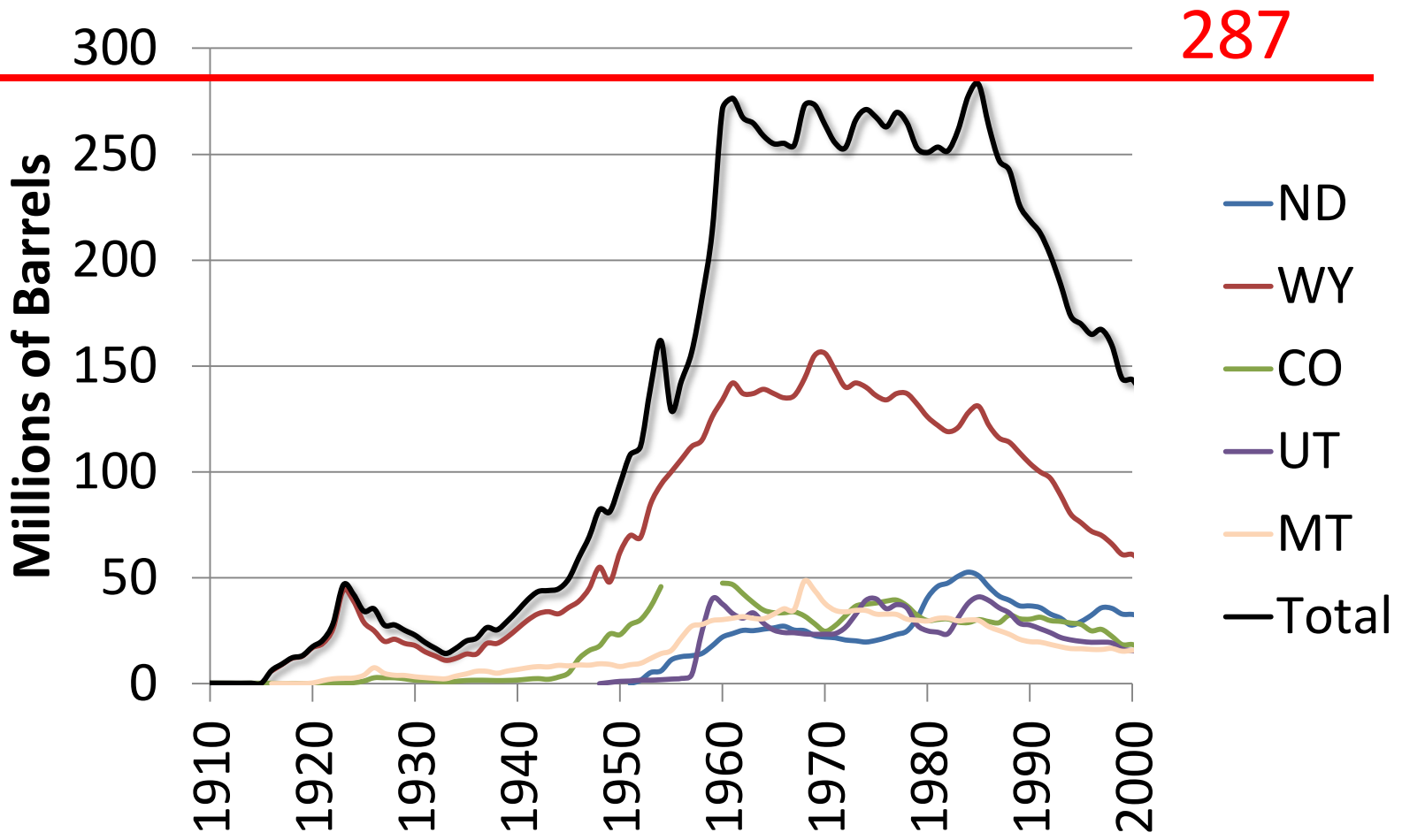
# The 1990's



Stock photo courtesy of Questar Corporation. Undated.



# Production vs. Refining Capacity (throughput)



287

Millions of Barrels

1910 1920 1930 1940 1950 1960 1970 1980 1990 2000

- ND
- WY
- CO
- UT
- MT
- Total

# The 1990's

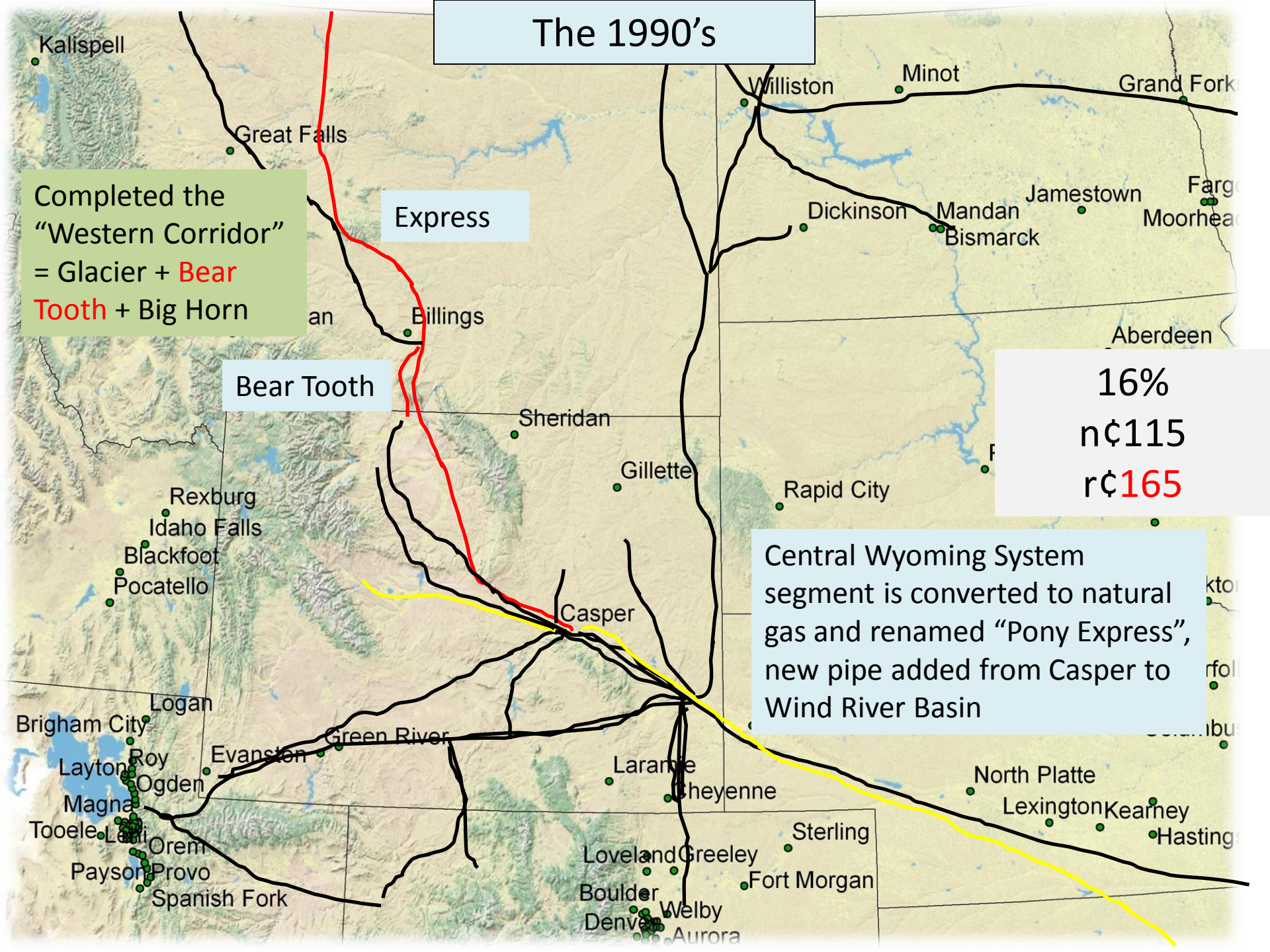
Completed the  
"Western Corridor"  
= Glacier + **Bear  
Tooth** + Big Horn

Express

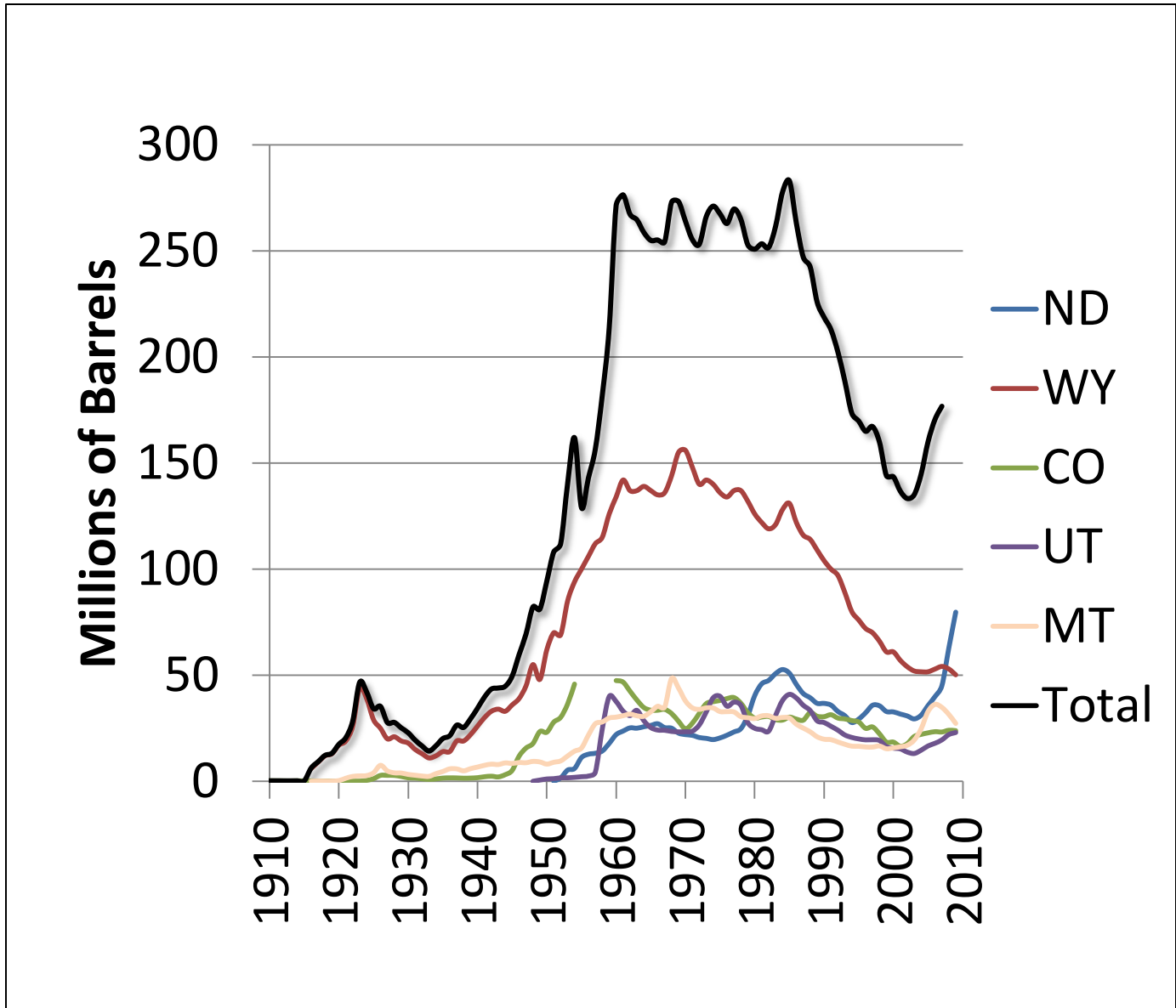
Bear Tooth

16%  
n¢115  
r¢165

Central Wyoming System  
segment is converted to natural  
gas and renamed "Pony Express",  
new pipe added from Casper to  
Wind River Basin



# The 2000's



White Cliffs Pipeline, 12 inch, courtesy of SemGroup.

# The 2000's

Reverses flow, adds addtn'l pumps and pipeline

Continued expansions via new pipe and pumping

Plains

34%  
n¢216  
r¢237

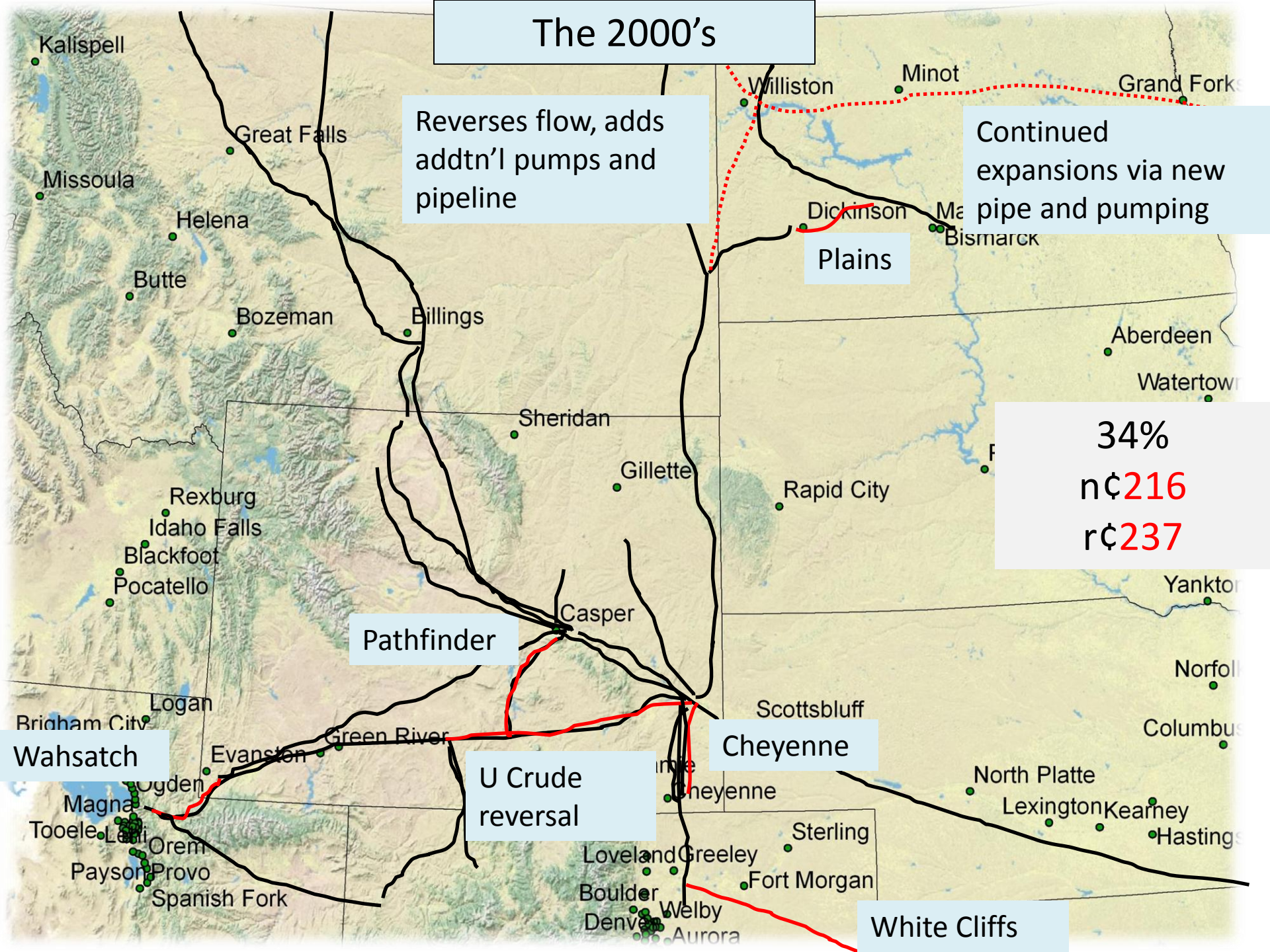
Pathfinder

U Crude reversal

Cheyenne

White Cliffs

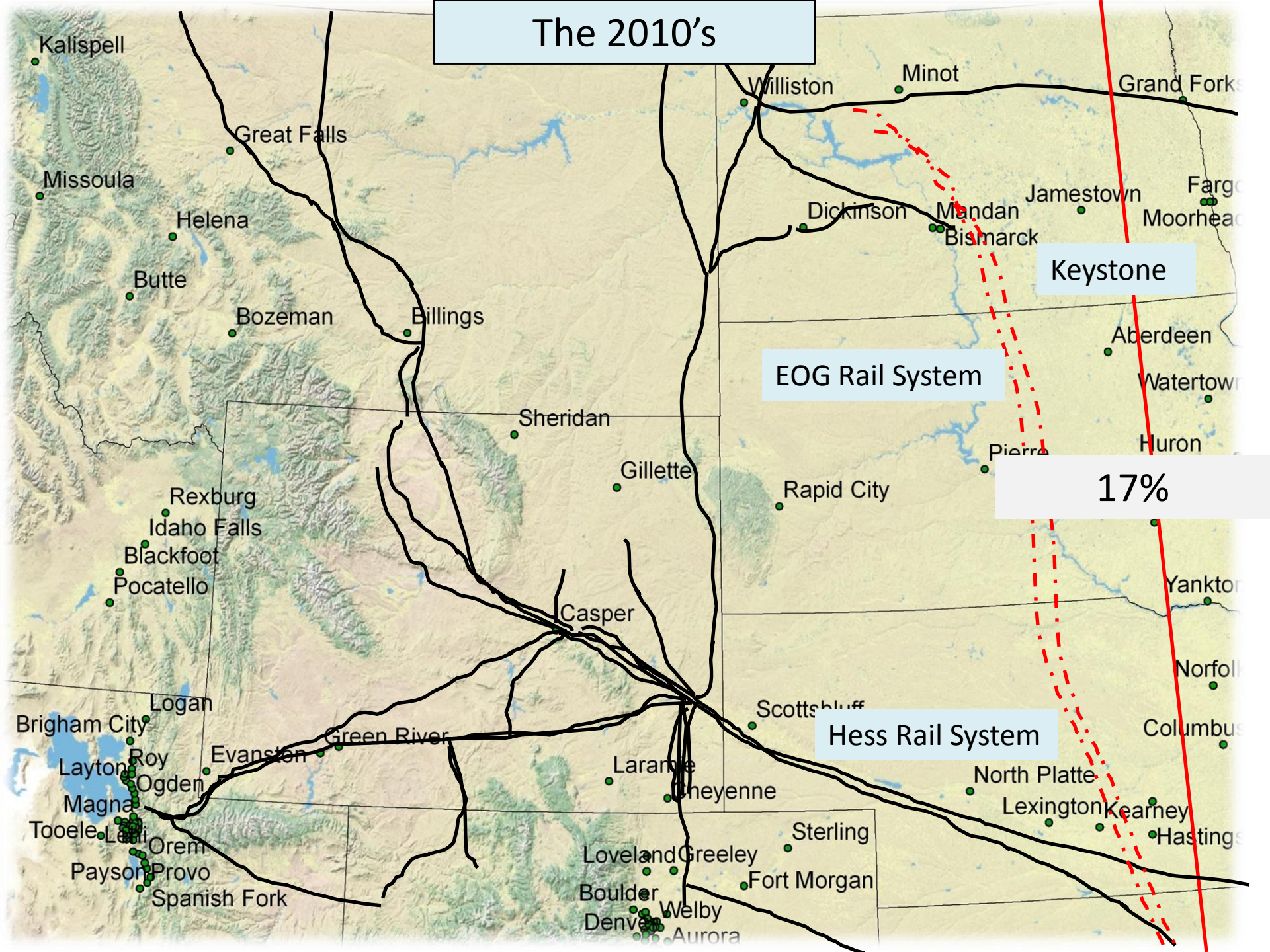
Wahsatch



# The 2010's

Wahsatch Pipeline, 16inch, courtesy of SLC Pipeline LLC (JV between Plains Pipeline and Holly Corp).

# The 2010's



Keystone

EOG Rail System

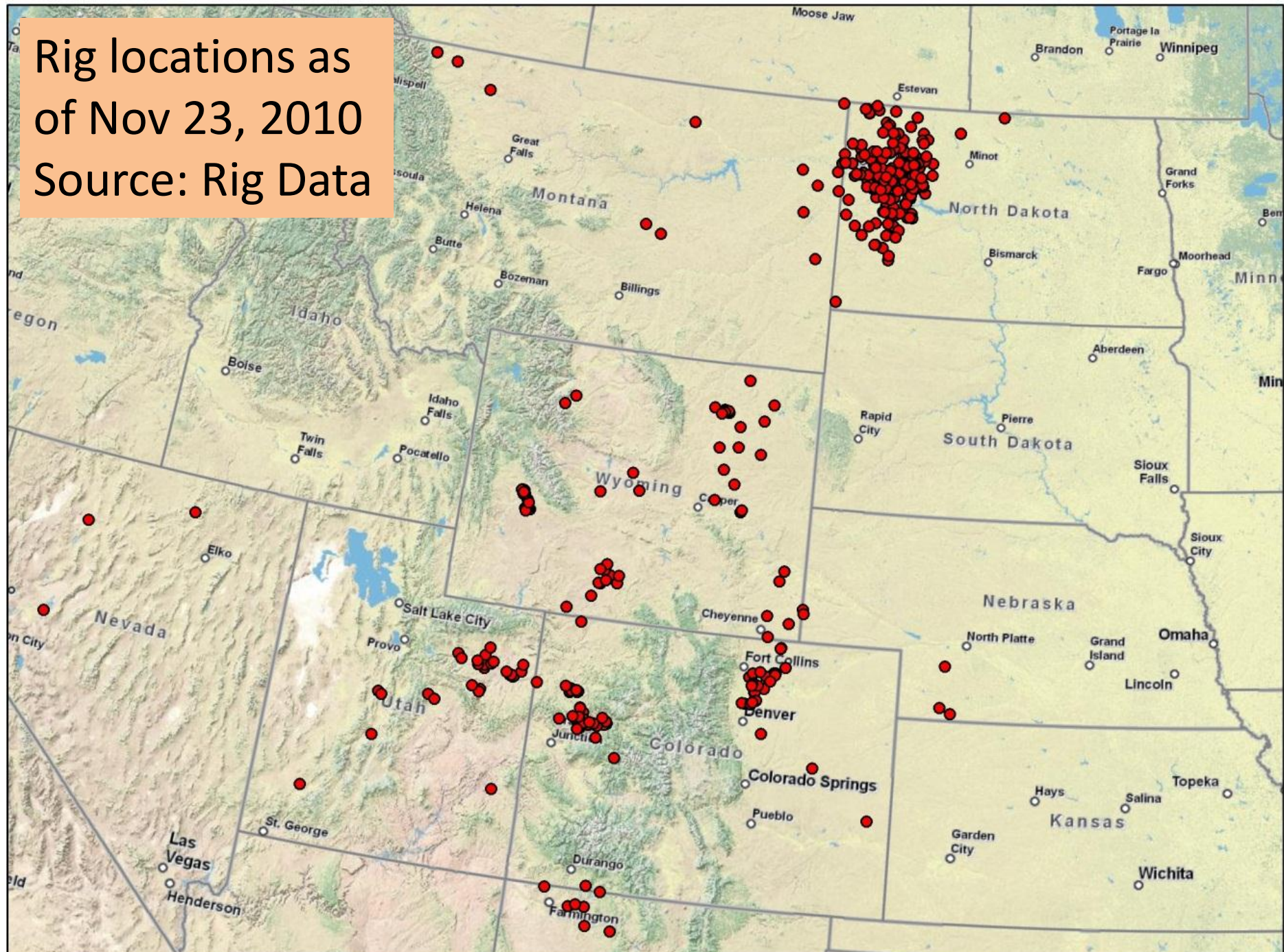
Hess Rail System

17%

# Observations

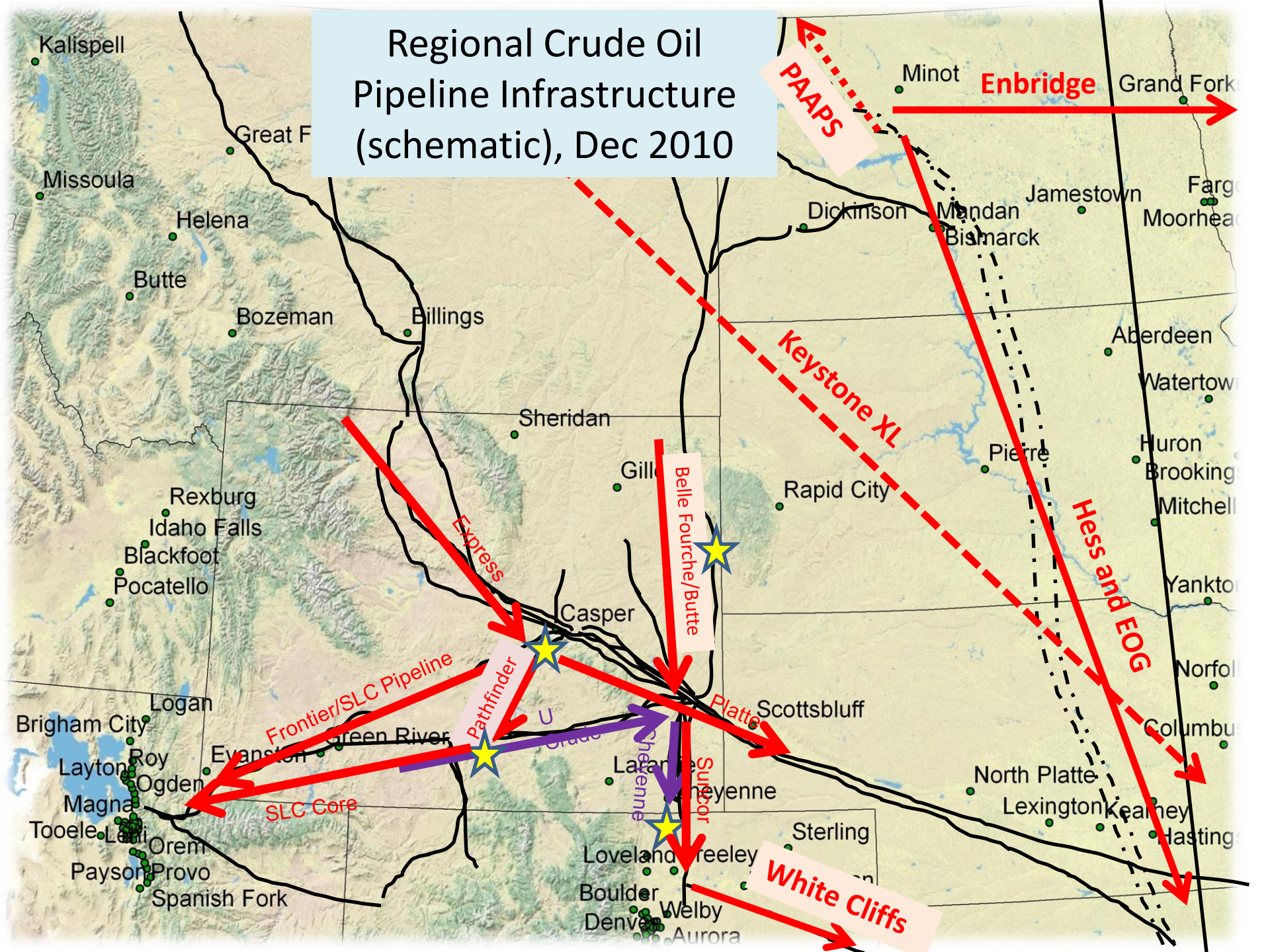
- Majority of crude oil infrastructure in the Rockies (by % increase) was built in the 1940's and 50's
- Nothing got done in the late 1960's through the 70's (more true than false)
- Incremental expansions take place as needed with a resurgence in late 1990's – **production driven**
- When capacities waned or there was a shift in demand/supply, pipeline companies improvised: conversions, expedited or re-routed projects
- Rail is an export option for crude oil for competing export capacity

Rig locations as of Nov 23, 2010  
Source: Rig Data





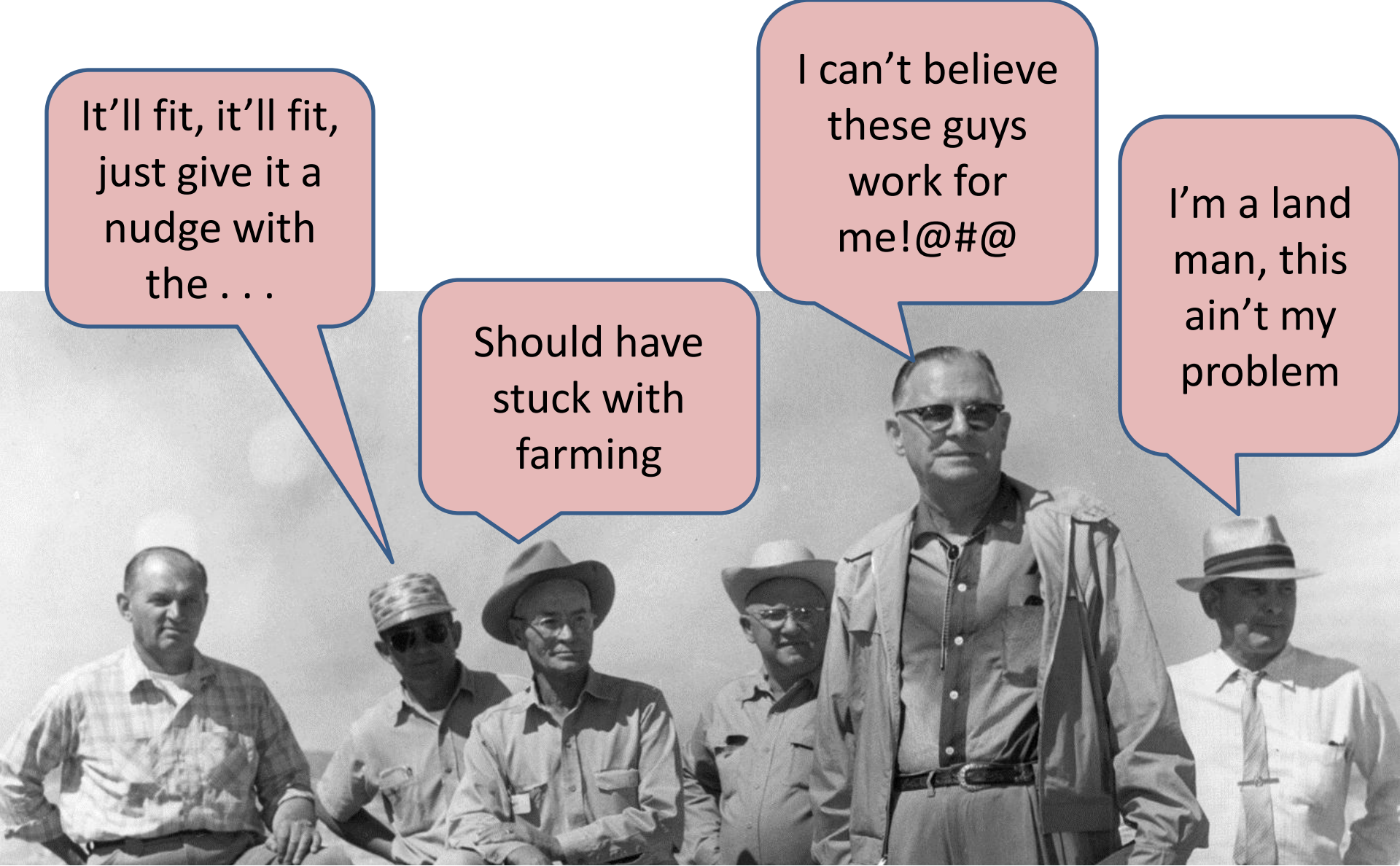
# Regional Crude Oil Pipeline Infrastructure (schematic), Dec 2010



# Regional proposals/expansions – 490,000 BOPD\* within the next 3 yrs!

- Enbridge, proposed open season to add 145,000, closing Nov 30<sup>th</sup>
- Belle Fourche/Bridger Pipelines: “Baker 300”, open season closed Nov 15<sup>th</sup> , 100,000 on KXL
- PAAPS “Bakken North Pipeline Project”, proposed 50-75,000
- SemGroup/PAAPS “White Cliffs”, 50,000 available via pumping expansion
- Hess, 60,000-120,000 via rail
- BNSF, [Bakken] goal via rail to reach 730,000!

\* = 145 + 100 + 50 + 75 + 120. I did not factor-in the BNSF export goal.



It'll fit, it'll fit,  
just give it a  
nudge with  
the . . .

Should have  
stuck with  
farming

I can't believe  
these guys  
work for  
me!@#@

I'm a land  
man, this  
ain't my  
problem

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