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As a Chemical Dependency counselor for the past 18 yrs I can attest to the fact that Meth is changing the face of Chemical Dependency Problems in Mt.

The health dept that I work in has been overwhelmed in every phase of operation

Environmentally it has been responsible for 3 of the top 10 environ problems in Butte. This was the result of concerned citizens survey done in Butte Recently.

Our Medical Services are also stretched with an increase in the number of Hep C and HIV cases resulting from shared needle use.

Our Chemical Dependency Program has an unusually high # of Meth Clients.

The Pre Release Center in Butte continues to work with Meth Addicted inmates and the numbers are rising.

One young lady who gives talks with me about her Meth Use describes how in 6 months of using Meth she lost everything. She came to Butte to purchase the product which she said she supplied the Gallaton Valley and West Yellowstone.

Another male in Butte will readily admit to his meth operation in which he would make up to 5000.00 worth of product with 100.00 worth of supplies. The product could be made in an afternoon.