

Montana's Coal Exporters

There are two mining operations in the State of Montana that export coal.

Signal Peak Energy, LLC is a subsidiary of Global Mining Group, LLC, which is owned by Global Mining Holding Company, LLC. Global Coal Sales Group, LLC handles the sale and transportation of coal from the Signal Peak Mine in Roundup, Montana to the Westshore Terminal in Port Metro Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Westshore is Canada's busiest coal export terminal, handling more than 33 million tons of coal annually and currently has excess shipping capacity.

PRODUCTION (2020)

Metric Tons: 5,463,900
Heat Content: 22,575 (BTU/kg)
Sulfur: 0.37 (%)

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Spring Creek Mine is in Montana approximately 20 miles north of Sheridan, Wyoming and is owned by the Navajo Transitional Energy Authority (NTEC) - one of the largest U.S. coal producers. NTEC mines low sulfur, subbituminous coal and provides logistics supply services. The company owns and operates three surface coal mines in the Powder River Basin, the lowest cost major coal producing region in the nation. The Antelope and Cordero Rojo Mines are in Wyoming and the Spring Creek Mine is in Montana.

PRODUCTION (2020)

Metric Tons: 8,630,279
Heat Content: 20,555 (BTU/kg)
Sulfur: 0.33 (%)

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The largest export markets for Montana's coal are currently Japan (53%), South Korea (40%), China via Hong Kong (4%), and to a much smaller degree Chile, Taiwan, and Thailand. Just over 50% of each company's international coal sales were destined for Japan. 95% of Signal Peak's coal mined in 2021 was exported across the Pacific. International sales percentages are unavailable for Spring Creek Mine.

Both mining operations identified in this report are seeking to expand operations in 2022 with Signal Peak moving from a record 7m (2021 projected) to 8m metric tons.

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