

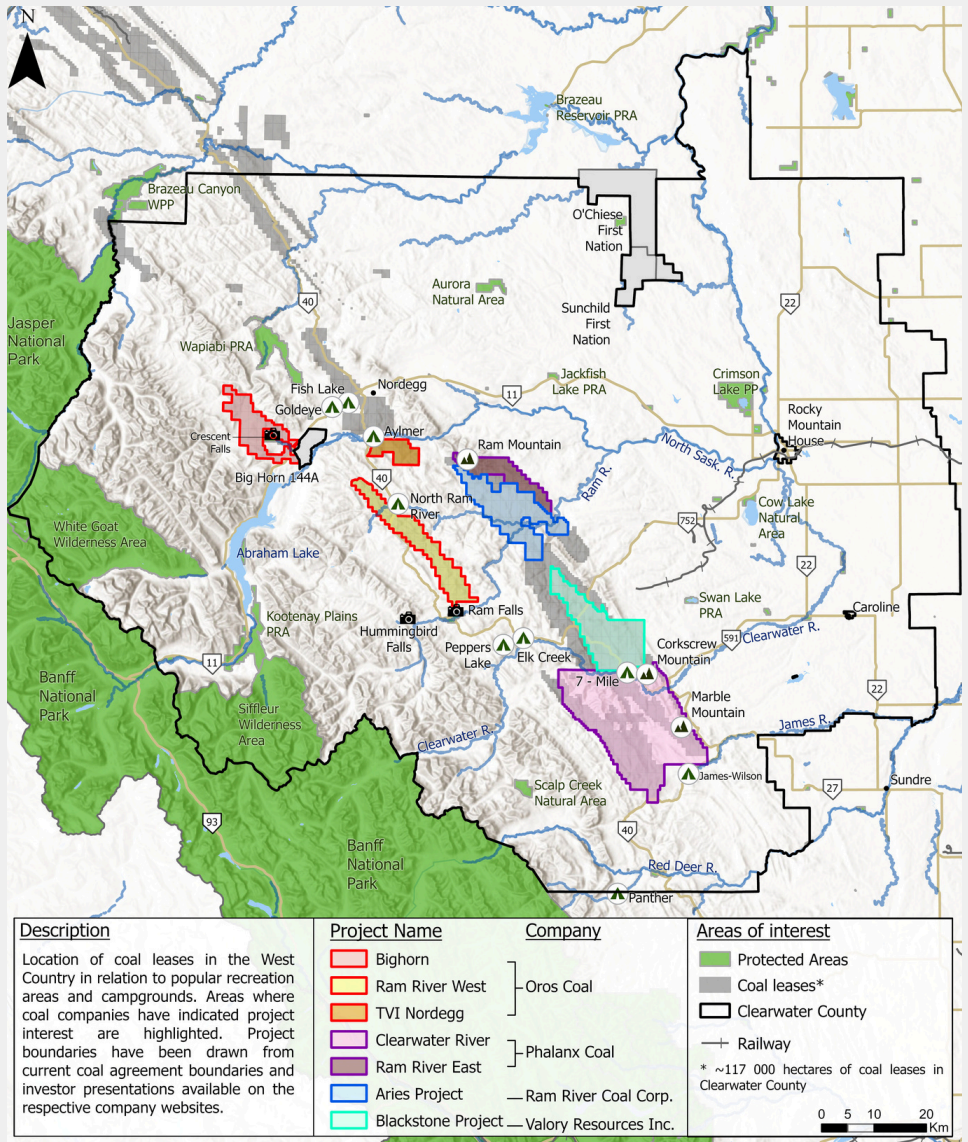


WEST COUNTRY SUSTAINABILITY COALITION

Passionate people standing up for an environmentally sustainable future in Central Alberta's Eastern Slopes - one without new coal mines.

The Eastern Slopes of the Rocky Mountains are open to coal mining again!

The Government of Alberta removed the moratorium on coal development on January 16th, 2025.



Say No to Coal Mining in Clearwater County!

- ✗ After removing the 1976 Coal Policy, which restricted new coal mines in the foothills, in 2020, **the Government of Alberta sold over 281,700 acres of new coal leases in Clearwater County** meaning there are now over 289,113 acres of coal leases in the county.
- ✗ Lifting the moratorium is in direct contradiction to the feedback provided to the Coal Policy Committee in 2021. **70% of Albertans that responded to the public consultation said no to coal!** The Government of Alberta promised in 2022 that no coal activities would be considered until land-use planning was completed.
- ✗ There are coal leases right next to iconic landscapes and tourist areas such as **Crescent Falls, Goldeye Lake, the Town of Nordegg, Corkscrew Mountain, and Ram River.**



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Write to your MLA!



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The WCSC was formed in 2021 in response to the Government of Alberta removing protections that prevented coal mining in the mountains and foothills

Coal mining is still a risk



The WCSC requests that the Government of Alberta:

- Does not permit the Valory Resources Blackstone Mine or Ram River Coal Aries Mine projects to move ahead
- Cancel all coal leases granted in Clearwater County in 2020
- Complete land-use planning and permanently protect the Eastern Slopes and Alberta's water from new coal mining

Water Contamination

- ✗ Coal mining contaminates downstream water by exposing waste rock which leaches toxic contaminants like selenium into the water. There is no consistent way to safely manage selenium.
- ✗ Coal mining requires massive amounts of fresh water and in turn creates toxic waste water. Companies have yet to demonstrate that they can effectively contain and clean this waste water prior to release into the environment.

Loss of Recreation

- ✗ Hiking, off highway vehicle use, angling, horseback riding and camping are prohibited on coal mine sites.
- ✗ Mining activities will harm the beauty of the region and the desirability of recreation opportunities with ruined viewscapes, increased traffic and noise, and poor air quality from coal dust and contaminated water.

Environmental Destruction

- ✗ Coal mine exploration, site clearing, road building, and mining will displace wildlife and destroy habitat for at risk species such as bull trout and grizzly bears.
- ✗ The Ram and Clearwater Rivers and their tributaries are some of Alberta's best habitat for trout. Loss of this habitat due to coal mining would be devastating to one of Alberta's last strong populations of bull trout.



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