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The Energy Council Jackson, WY Dec. 9, 2023



#### Top U.S. states for installed wind capacity, end of 2021

Ranking	State	Land-based Wind (MW)		
1	Texas	35,969		
2	Iowa	12,219		
3	Oklahoma	10,994		
4	Kansas	8,245		
5	Illinois	6,997		
6 California		6,142		
7 Colorado		5,035		
8	Minnesota	4,591		
9	North Dakota	4,302		
10	New Mexico	4,001		
11 Oregon		3,842		
12 Indiana		3,468		
13	Washington	3,396		
14	Wyoming	3,178		
15	Michigan	3,159		
	Rest of U.S.	20,306		

### Top U.S. states for installed wind capacity, end of 2022

	State	Wind Capacity (MW)			
1	Texas	40,151			
2	lowa	12,783			
3	Oklahoma	12,222			
4	Kansas	8,240			
5	Illinois	7,129			
6	California	6,118			
7	Colorado	5,194			
8	Minnesota	4,749			
9	New Mexico	4,327			
10	North Dakota	4,302			
11	Oregon	4,055			
12	Nebraska	3,519			
13	Indiana	3,468			
14	Washington	3,407			
15	Michigan	3,231			
16	South Dakota	3,219			
17	Wyoming	3,176			
18	Missouri	2,435			
19	New York	2,192			
20	Montana	1,487			

#### Top U.S. counties for installed wind capacity, end of 2022

	County	Operating Wind Capacity (MW)
1	Kern County, CA	3,507
2	Nolan County, TX	2,299
3	Torrance County, NM	1,595
4	Gilliam County, OR	1,574
5	Willacy County, TX	1,364
6	Sherman County, OR	1,264
7	Benton County, IN	1,257
8	Klickitat County, WA	1,257
9	<b>Converse County, WY</b>	1,192
10	Adair County, IA	1,186
11	Scurry County, TX	1,180
12	<b>Carbon County, WY</b>	1,166
13	Ford County, KS 1,141	
14	Sterling County, TX	1,135
15	Carson County, TX	1,079



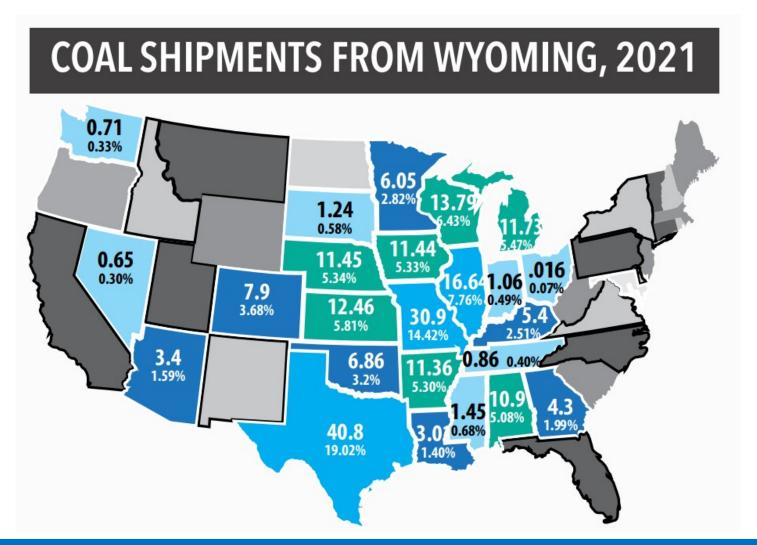
#### Carbon County hosts 2 of Wyoming's 10 largest power plants

Table 2A. Ten largest plants by capacity, 2022
Wyoming

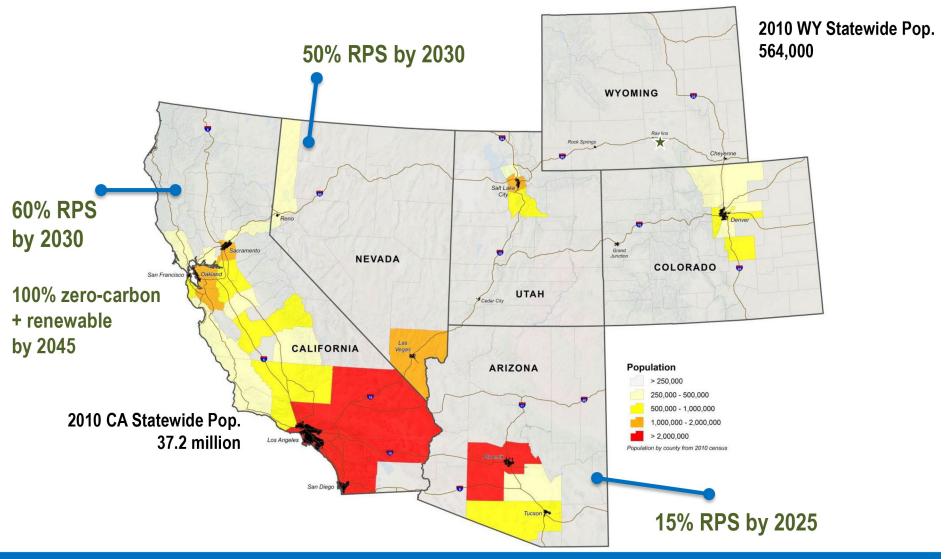
Plant		Primary energy source	Operating company	Net summer capacity
1	Jim Bridger	Coal	PacifiCorp	2,119
2	Laramie River Station	Coal	Basin Electric Power Coop	1,700
3	Dave Johnston	Coal	PacifiCorp	745
4	Naughton	Coal	PacifiCorp	604
5	TB Flats	Wind	PacifiCorp	503
6	Dry Fork Station	Coal	Basin Electric Power Coop	390
7	Wyodak	Coal	PacifiCorp	332
8	Ekola Flats	Wind	PacifiCorp	251
9	Roundhouse Wind Energy Project	Wind	Roundhouse Renewable Energy, LLC	226
10	Cedar Springs I	Wind	Cedar Springs Wind, LLC	200

Source: U.S. Energy Information Administration, Form EIA-860, Annual Electric Generator Report.

## Powder River Basin mineral resources primarily delivered to eastward markets

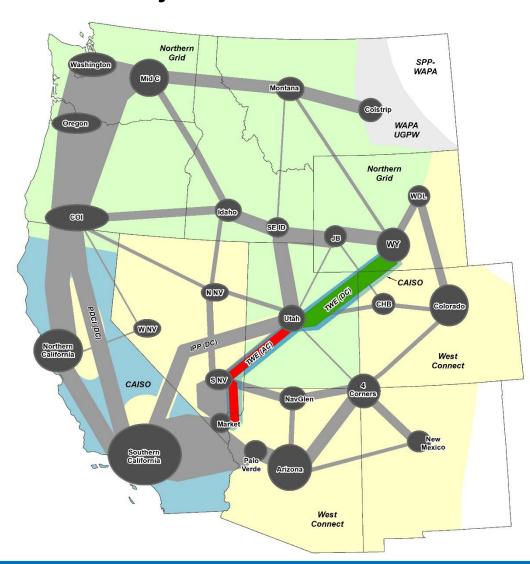


#### PCW/TransWest non-mineral resources aimed to deliver to Southwestern markets



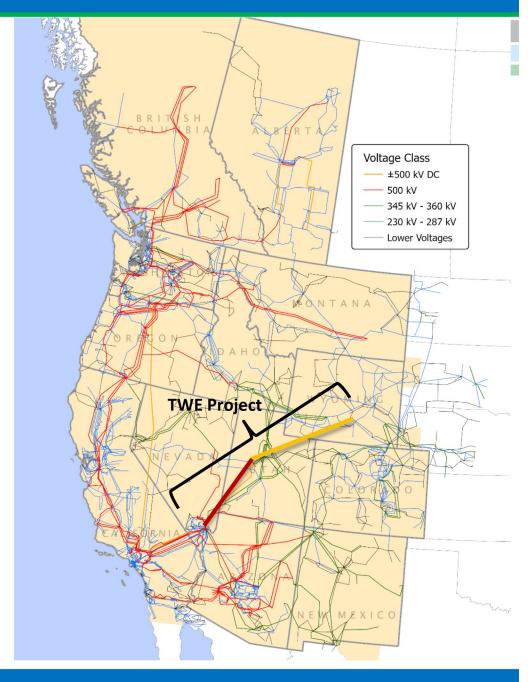
#### TransWest Express LLC: TransWest Express Transmission Project

- 732 miles of "backbone" interregional transmission
- Wyoming Terminal to Utah Terminal
  - 3,000 MW HVDC system
- Utah Terminal to Nevada
  - 1,500 MW HVAC system
- Connects the West: Adds critical new physical transmission capacity across the WECC Region
- Increases stability, capacity, reliability of the grid

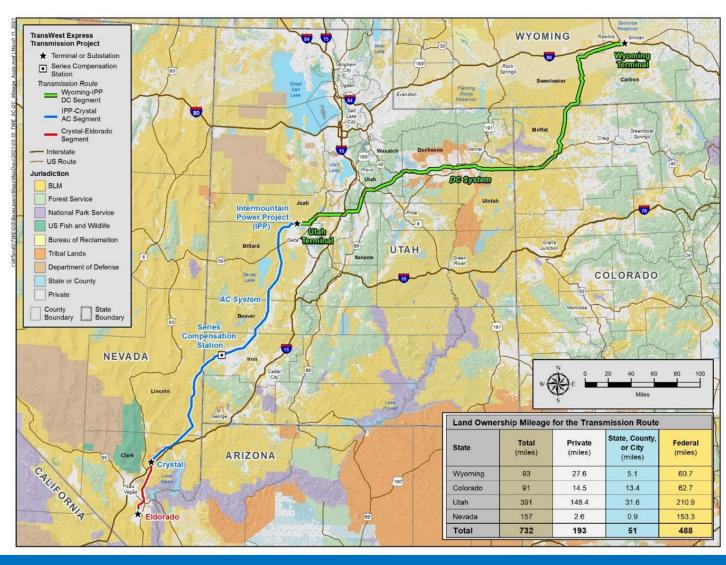




Map from the WECC SOTI 2023 report, at <a href="https://www.wecc.org/epubs/StateOfTheInterconnection/Pages/Western-Interconnection.aspx">https://www.wecc.org/epubs/StateOfTheInterconnection.aspx</a>



# Necessary land rights and authorizations obtained for the TWE Project



- ✓ Federal land
- ✓ State land
- ✓ Private land
- Authorization from the host counties and states

## Recent TWE Project major milestones

- Sept. 19, 2023: Construction activity started in Wyoming
- June 20, 2023: Ceremonial groundbreaking event
  - BLM NTP issued April 2023
  - ROW application filed by TransWest December 2008
- Construction partners selected





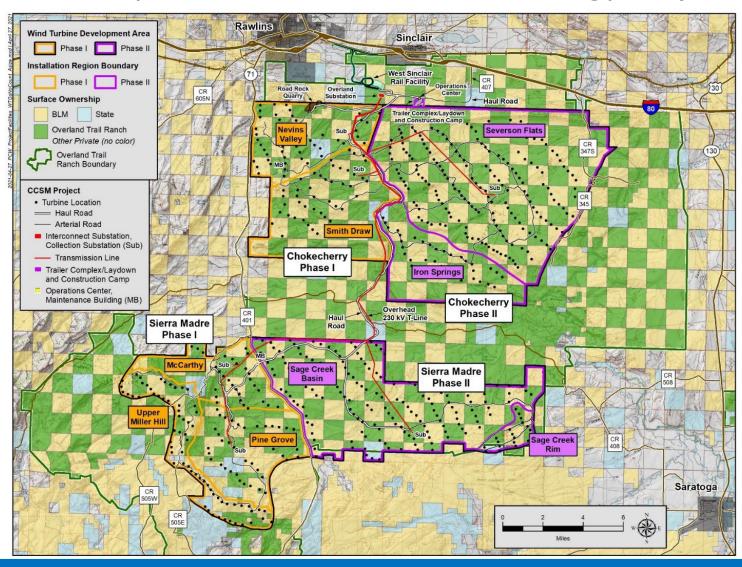








#### Power Company of Wyoming LLC: Chokecherry and Sierra Madre Wind Energy Project



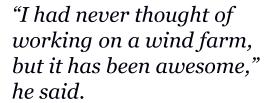
## Sustaining jobs and boosting WY tax collections since 2016 via CCSM Project construction











 Operator Eric Diggs of Gillette, to the Casper Star-Tribune, November 2020





## Context: CCSM Project would be Wyoming's largest power plant by capacity and by generation

	CCSM Wind Plant (estimated)	Jim Bridger Coal Plant (WY's largest)	All WY power plants	All WY wind power plants	Hoover Dam	Operating wind on BLM land
Capacity (MW)	3,500	2,119	10,092	3,007	2,080	1,540
Annual generation (MWh)	12 million	10.7 million	46.3 million	9.8 million	~4 million	N/A

- CCSM Project planned to be the largest single wind power plant in America
- If it existed today:
  - Would vault Wyoming from No. 17 to No. 6 among states in installed wind capacity
  - Would vault Carbon County from No. 12 to No. 1 among counties in installed wind capacity

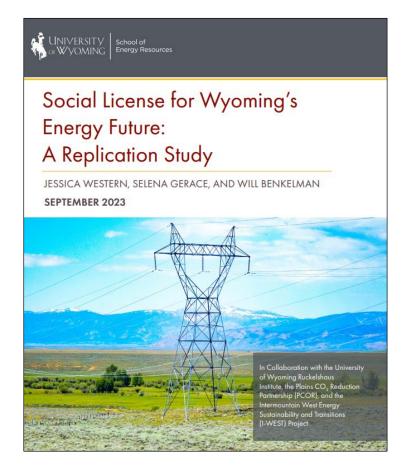
# CCSM Project would bolster Wyoming's electricity generation and export amounts to record levels

Year	Electricity supply (MWh)	Net electricity export (MWh)	WY % exported
1990	39,974,965	26,790,161	67
1998 (peak export % year)	45,347,296	32,344,762	71%
2008	46,523,182	27,486,234	59
2018	46,113,573	26,676,287	58
2019 (least export % year)	42,145,656	23,056,542	55%
2020	42,010,989	24,344,934	58
2021	43,460,744	25,354,948	58
2022	46,347,492	27,490,197	59
2022 + estimated CCSM Project	58,347,492*	39,490,197*	67%

<sup>\*</sup> Previous WY records set in 2013: 52.5 million MWh supply and 33 million MWh export

## UW 2023 study: Wyomingites welcome energy leadership

"Q-study results also indicate a desire for Wyoming to continue to be an energy leader. While participants... differ some on what kinds of energy to focus on, all believe that Wyoming has an important role to play, whether that is in continuing to produce conventional fossil resources, expand into emerging decarbonized energy types, or a mix of all-of-the-above. These results indicate that while there may be many differences among Wyoming residents about the types of energy they give social license to, there is strong social license for energy overall in Wyoming."



Available at: https://www.uwyo.edu/ser/research/centers-of-excellence/energy-regulation-policy/\_files/social-license-report-2022.pdf

### TWE Project and CCSM Project deliver on the energy expansion vision of Wyoming's Legislature

Wyoming Infrastructure Authority (now Energy Authority) created in 2004:

"The purpose for which the authority is created is to diversify and expand the Wyoming economy through improvements in the state's electric transmission infrastructure and to facilitate the consumption of Wyoming energy..."

- (a) The legislature finds that:
- (i) There are in Wyoming extensive reserves of energy and insufficient facilities to warrant the timely development and marketing of those reserves;
- (ii) Timely development of Wyoming energy sources will stabilize and increase revenue to the state;
- (iii) New infrastructure will increase development of Wyoming energy sources;
- (iv) It is in the public interest of the citizens of this state to promote the economic welfare of the state and its residents by increasing employment, stimulating economic activity, augmenting sources of tax revenue, fostering economic stability and improving the balance of the state's economy;
- (v) This article constitutes a valid public purpose of primary benefit to all citizens of this state.



# For More Information

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