

BURKE COUNTY

Planning Unit 096: AML Printout #320: T162N, R93W, Section 24

Additional Legal Location: 162 93 19; 162 93 20 SW and SE; 162 93 21 SW; 162 93 28 NW; 162 93 29 N1/2
162 94 8 NE; 162 94 9 NW; 162 94 14 SW;
162 94 23 NE; 162 94 24 N1/2
See Notes, below

Name:	Owner:
Truax-Traer Coal Co. (1927-1961)	Truax-Traer Coal Co. (1927-1961)
Truax-Traer Coal Co. (Div. of Consolidation Coal Co.) (1962-1964)	Consolidation Coal Co. (1962--1968)
Truax-Traer Coal Co. (Kincaid Mine, Div. of Consol. Coal Co.) (1965-1968)	

Category: Commercial/regional and local; Industrial/local

Type: Surface (strip)

	Thickness		
Overburden: Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:	
No data 9 ft. 8 in.	No data	Bureau of Mines:1948	

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

The Truax-Traer Coal Co. was formed in 1927, when the Truax brothers and G. Traer formed a merger; the Whittier Coal Co. was purchased or was merged with the Truax-Traer Coal Co. at this same time. Apparently the mine camp developed by the Truax brothers at their Truax Coal Co. mine was maintained by the Truax-Traer Coal Co. The Truax-Traer Coal Co. sold coal for local use and shipped coal for regional use; additionally, lignite from this mine was used at the Montana-Dakota Utilities power plant (built in 1925 and originally supplied by the Whittier Coal Co.). The Truax-Traer Coal Co. was purchased by the Consolidation Coal Co. in 1961/1962, and the Consolidation Coal Co. owner and operated the mine until 1968, when the mine quit production. The Montana-Dakota Utilities power plant ended electricity generation in about 1966.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

Bureau of Mines:1948(73)	Lemmerman:1974(33-42)
DSKS:1984(Vol.II,111-115)	Oihus:1978

Truax-Traer Coal Co.

(continued) Notes:

Planning Unit 096, AML location 320 describes 162 93 24; however, the Priority Site correlated with AML #320 lists the legal description 162 93 19. Since it appears likely that AML 320 actually should describe 162 93 19 (Kjos and Schreiner 1984) and the Truax-Traer Coal Co. was situated in part at 162 93 19, information about this mine has been included here.

The Whitter-Crockett Coal Co. and possibly the Truax Coal Co. also are located at 162 93 19 (Priority Site #4, and likely Planning Unit 096, AML location 320); a Diamond Lignite Mine may have been located at Planning Unit 096, AML location 320 (162 93 24); and the Olson Coal Mine and the Sommeness Coal Mine are located at Planning Unit 096, AML location 600 (162 94 14--see additional legal locations above).

Sources (primary and secondary):

Bureau of Mines:n.d.(Bulletin 482); 1948(73) CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
DSKS:1984(Volume II,111-115)
Gauger et al.:1928a(2), 1928b(2), 1930(2)
Harrington et al.:1931(2)
Lemmerman:1974(33-42)
ND Dept. of Parks and Recreation:1975(Appendix D)
Oihus:1978
School of Mines:1930

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Planning Unit: 096
 AML Number: 320***

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons		Owner or Superintendent*
					Local Trade	Tons Shipped	
1927	304	65	1.79	159,418	2,542	156,876	A.H. Truax**
1928	282	120	1.74	334,724	3,993a	330,731	F.P. Truax**
1929	270	48	2.00	317,518	2,460a	315,058	E.M. Truax**
1930	275	85	1.75	285,291	2,500a	282,791	F.P. Truax**
1931	310	115	1.11	179,875	6,875a	173,000	Ben Dollarhide**
1932	313	70	1.15	180,108	1,312	178,796	Ben Dollarhide**
1933	172	155	1.17	183,455	none	190,400	Ben Dollarhide**
1934	157	160	1.44	146,945	none	146,673	Ben Dollarhide**
1935	117	119	1.38	149,665	382	149,283	Ben Dollarhide**
1936	225	154	1.21	152,398	2,918	149,480	Jonas Johnson**
1937	162	91	1.18+	198,600+	3,905+	194,694+	Jonas Johnson**
1938	170	66	1.28+	182,180+	2,491+	179,689+	Jonas Johnson**
1939	157	68	1.25+	199,525	2,727	196,798	Jonas Johnson**
1940	159	73	1.26+	178,498	2,040	176,458	Jonas Johnson**
1941	162	75	1.26	190,500+	2,234+	188,266+	Jonas Johnson**
1942	167	86	1.39+	218,532	14,087	204,445	Jonas Johnson**
1943	192	98	1.52+	336,621	17,977	318,644	Jonas Johnson**
1944	195	86	1.50	330,887	11,813	319,074	Jonas Johnson"
1945	216	81	1.46+	373,453	1,736	371,717	Jonas Johnson**
1946	212	75	1.49+	358,352	44,318	314,034	Lewis Larson**
1947	212	56	1.71+	327,426+	30,328+	298,810+	Lewis Larson**
1948	211	55	2.15+	329,331+	24,843+	304,509+	Lewis Larson**
1949	212	51	2.54	367,597+	23,889+	342,842+	Lewis Larson**
1950	225	58	2.39	423,522+	25,979+	395,104+	Lewis Larson**
1951	216	63	2.42	416,148+	76,516+	342,813+	Lewis Larson**
1952	194	63	2.41	431,907+	10,420+	359,248+	Lewis Larson**
1953	189	63	2.33	417,499+	60,059b 11,235+ 61,152b	344,942+	Lewis Larson**
1954	177	59	2.30	388,786	12,559+ 58,042b	317,426+	Lewis Larson**
1955	191	58	2.22	464,924	14,731+ 60,787b	390,770+	Lewis Larson**
1956	195	65	2.31	489,234	15,647 60,713b	411,397	Lewis Larson**
1957	184	53	2.27	448,429	15,729 61,530b	368,700	Lewis Larson**

Truax-Traer Coal Co., continued

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					Local Trade	Tons Shipped	
1958	160	49	2.24	390,905		323,153	Lewis Larson**
					13,850		
					57,614b		
1959	167	51	2.28	375,582	13,850	310,302	Lewis Larson**
					49,700b		
1960	172	51	2.29	407,944	18,336	328,699	Lewis Larson**
					62,385b		
1961	164	52	2.30	387,166	15,759	311,376	Lewis Larson**
					59,415b		
1962	182	49	2.36	421,202	58,445	358,114	Lewis Larson**
1962/64	308	55	2.31	557,898	90,121	472,628	LeRoy Olson**
1965	124	32	2.48	181,561	27,367	160,551	Kenneth F. Redka**
1966	132	32	2.29+	199,584	17,179	182,328	Kenneth F. Redka**
1967	94	25	2.64	128,497	14,541	113,983	Kenneth F. Redka**
1968	80	7	4.14	8,921	8,921	none	Kenneth M. Berg** (acting)

*Unless otherwise indicated, name listed is that of owner.

**Individual was superintendent of the mine; owner not listed.

***See Notes included with description of Truax-Traer Coal Co.

a "Part used at Plant."

b "Power Plant."