

WARD COUNTY

Planning Unit 098: AML Printout #520: T160N, R86W, Section 7, NW

Additional Legal Location: No part section

Name:	Owner:
Big Four Coal Mine (1934-1938)	No data
Big Four Mining Co. (1939-1942)	

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, shaft (1934-1936); Underground, slope (1937-1942)

		Thickness	
Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Mined:	Source:
No data	5-6 ft.	No data	Harrington:1934a
No data	6-7 ft.	No data	Harrington:1936a

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is not listed as a new mine in 1934, and it may have been in operation prior to that time. The mine was operated and reported continuously from 1934 through 1942; according to the 1938 CMID, a new slope was developed at the mine in 1938. The mine is listed as not operating in 1942; no listings were noted for the mine following 1942. Although it appears likely that the mine ceased to be operated following 1942, it is possible that the mine was operated but not reported or that the mine was operated and reported under some other name following that year.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

None

Notes:

Harrington (1934a, 1936a) indicates that this mine was located at T160N, R88W, Section 7; however, no part section is provided. Therefore, it is not known if this mine was located at this Planning Unit and AML location (T160N, R88W, Section 7, NW), or if it was situated in some other portion of Section 7.

The Smith Dry Coal Mine also may be located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years
Harrington:1934a(17), 1936a(3)

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Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
1934	247	4	1.00	2,576	2,576	none	Edward Nelson**
1935	no data	4	2.25	3,000	3,000	none	E. Christensen**
1936	190	3	2.00	1,800	1,800	none	E. Nielsen**
1937	300	no data	2.00	7,700	1,700	none	Big Four**
1938	250	no data	2.00	1,600	1,600	none	Big Four**
1938	"new slope"						
1939	144	2	2.00	900	900	none	Ed Nielsen**
1940	60	2	2.00	927	927	none	Edward Nielsen**
1941	156	2	2.00	940	940	none	Edward Nielsen**
1942	120	no data	2.00	700	700	none	Edward Nielsen**
1942	"not operating"						

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

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