

WILLIAMS COUNTY

Planning Unit 076: AML Printout #466: T153N, R100W, Section 4, E1/2

Additional Legal Location: Section 4, NE, SE

Name:	Owner:
Black Diamond Fuel Co. (1935-1936)	No data
Black Diamond Coal Mine (1937-1942)	
Black Diamond Mine No. 2 (1940-1948)	
Black Diamond Coal Mine (1949-1966)	

Category: Commercial/local

Type: Underground, drift

Overburden:	Coal Seam:	Thickness Mined:	Source:
No data	7-10 ft.	No data	Harrington:1934

Cultural Resource Site Number: Not formally recorded

Basic Data (excerpted from primary sources):

This mine is not listed as a new mine in 1935, and reference to it is included in Harrington (1934a); therefore, it appears likely that the mine was in operation prior to 1935. The number of years prior to 1935 the mine was in operation is not known. The Black Diamond Fuel Co. mine apparently was operated from at least 1915 through 1942, when it is listed as not operating. In 1940, a Black Diamond Mine No. 2 is listed as a new mine; this mine is listed not operating in 1941. The 1942 CMID lists a second Black Diamond Mine No. 2 as a new mine; this mine apparently was operated and reported from 1943 through 1966. No listings were noted following 1966, and a WCB map dated 1964 and 1935 includes a note indicating that the lease on this mine had been relinquished and mine portals and shafts closed in August of 1966.

Descriptive information pertaining to this mine is included in:

[source:year(pages)]

WCB Map:1961 (see Notes)	WCB Map:1964 and 1965 (see Notes)
WCB Map:1962 and 1963 (see Notes)	

Notes:

The 1961 WCB map lists "Government Maps. . .Black Diamond; Cedar Coulee." No information was noted to indicate what relationship "Cedar Coulee" had with the Black Diamond Coal Mine. Information was noted about at least two Cedar Coulee Coal Mines, each located at Planning Units/AML locations (Cedar Coulee/Rosenquist mine--Planning Unit 076 and AML location 465; Cedar Coulee Mine--Planning

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Unit 076 and AML location 465, Planning Unit 076 and AML location 464, and Planning Unit 076 and AML location 469); however, neither of these mines appears to be related in any way to this Black Diamond Coal Mine.

The 1962/1963 and 1964/1965 WCB maps list Coal Lease Bismarck, Nelson & Senti. It was determined that these maps actually illustrate the Black Diamond Coal Mine, since Nelson and Senti were the superintendents of the Black Diamond Coal mine during this time period.

A Black Diamond Coal Mine, which was in operation earlier than the Black Diamond Coal Mine described on these pages, was located at Planning Unit 076, AML location 457 (T154N, R100W, Section 33, NE). Although no information was noted indicating that the earlier Black Diamond Coal Mine was related to the Black Diamond Coal Mine described on these pages, the legal locations of the two mines are in sufficiently close proximity to indicate that there may have been a relationship between the two mines.

The Thompson, Vizina, and Williston View coal mines also are located at this Planning Unit and AML location.

Sources (primary and secondary):

Brant:1953(16)

CMID:see table, next page, for appropriate years

Harrington: 1934a(21)

WCB:1961, 1962/1963, 1964/1965

Mine:	Black Diamond Fuel Co. (1935-1936)	Planning Unit:	076
	Black Diamond Coal Mine (1937-1942)	AML Number:	466
	Black Diamond Mine No. 2 (1940-1948)		
	Black Diamond Coal Mine (1949-1966)		

Year	Days Operated	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons Local Trade	Tons Shipped	Owner or Superintendent*
<u>Black Diamond Fuel Co./Coal Mine:</u>							
1935	80	2	1.75	732	732	none	N.A. Nelson**
1936	Production figures not provided.						
1937	130	3	1.50	783	783	none	B.L. Nelson**
1938	155	2	1.50	1,372+	1,372+	none	B.L. Nelson**
1939	140	2	1.50	1,237	1,237	none	H.E. Nelson**
1940	168	3	1.57	1,579+	1,579+	none	H.E. Nelson**
1941	145	4	1.57	1,352+	1,352+	none	H.E. Nelson**
1942	185	4	1.64	1,559+	1,559+	none	H.E. Nelson**
1942	"Not Operating"						
<u>Black Diamond Mine No. 2:</u>							
1940	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data	no data
1940	"new mine"						
1941	32	1	1.57	207+	207+	none	H.E. Nelson**
1941	"Not Operating"						
1942	"new mine"						
1943	152	4	2.00	1,618	1,618	none	H.E. Nelson**
1944	157	4	2.50	1,515+	1,515+	none	H.E. Nelson**
1945	125	2	2.50	502+	502+	none	H.E. Nelson**
1946	130	3	2.50	910+	918+	none	H.E. Nelson**
1947	130	2	2.50	917	917	none	H.E. Nelson**
1948	115	2	3.00	618+	618+	none	H.E. Nelson**
1949	90	2	3.00	653+	653+	none	H.E. Nelson**
1950	130	3	3.50	992+	992+	none	M.M. Snyder**
1951	180	3	3.75	1,973	1,973	none	Ben L. Nelson***
1952	150	4	3.50	2,680	2,680	none	Nelson & Senti**
1953	150	2	3.50	2,450	2,450	none	Nelson & Senti**
1954	155	2	4.00	2,167	2,167	none	Nelson & Senti**
1955	145	2	3.80	2,350	2,350	none	Nelson & Senti**
1956	123	4	3.83	3,117	3,117	none	Nelson & Senti**
1957	150	2	3.90	3,037	3,037	none	Ben L. Nelson**
1958	132	4	4.50	2,463	2,463	none	Nelson & Senti**
1959	120	2	4.78	3,195	3,195	none	Nelson & Senti**
1960	120	2	4.70	3,255	3,255	none	Ben Nelson**
1961	120	2	4.73	2,032	2,032	none	Ben Nelson**
1962	120	2	4.80	2,170	2,170	none	Nelson & Senti**

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Year Operated	Days	Employees	Price Per Ton	Tons Produced	Tons		Owner or Superintendent*
					Local	Trade	
1962/64	240	1	4.75	3,690	3,690	none	Nelson & Senti**
1965	120	0	4.55+	2,015	2,015	none	Nelson & Senti**
1966	95	1	4.65	1,075	1,075	none	Ben Nelson**
1966	"Lease relinquished, portals and shaft closed Aug. 1966."						

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

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