

Spring Creek Mine - Economic Data

Location: Montana

Owner: Navajo Transitional Energy Company, LLC (NTEC)

Employment & Compensation

- Total Full-Time Employees: **265**
 - Contract Employees (Local Residents): **20**
 - Average Salary Including Benefits: **\$116,500/year**
 - Comparison: The average Big Horn County resident earns **\$20,000/year**
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Community Impact & Contributions

- Goods and Services Purchased Locally (2023): **\$106 million**
 - Since 2005: Contributed **\$1.4 billion** to the local economy (does not include taxes & royalties).
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Taxes & Royalties Paid

- Total Tax and Royalties Paid Overall by Spring Creek Mine (2023): **\$63.6 million**
- Total Taxes and Royalties Allocated to the State of Montana (2023): **\$47.8 million**
 - Historical Significance: Nearly **70%** of Big Horn County's revenue has historically come from coal, and the Spring Creek Mine is the only remaining active coal mine in the county.
 - Potential Loss: If the mine ceases to operate, Big Horn County could lose **\$500,000 to \$600,000** per month in revenue.
- Total Overall Company Wide Taxes and Royalties Paid by NTEC (2023): **\$230.5 million**
- Since 2005: The mine has paid over **\$1.2 billion** in federal and Montana royalties and taxes.