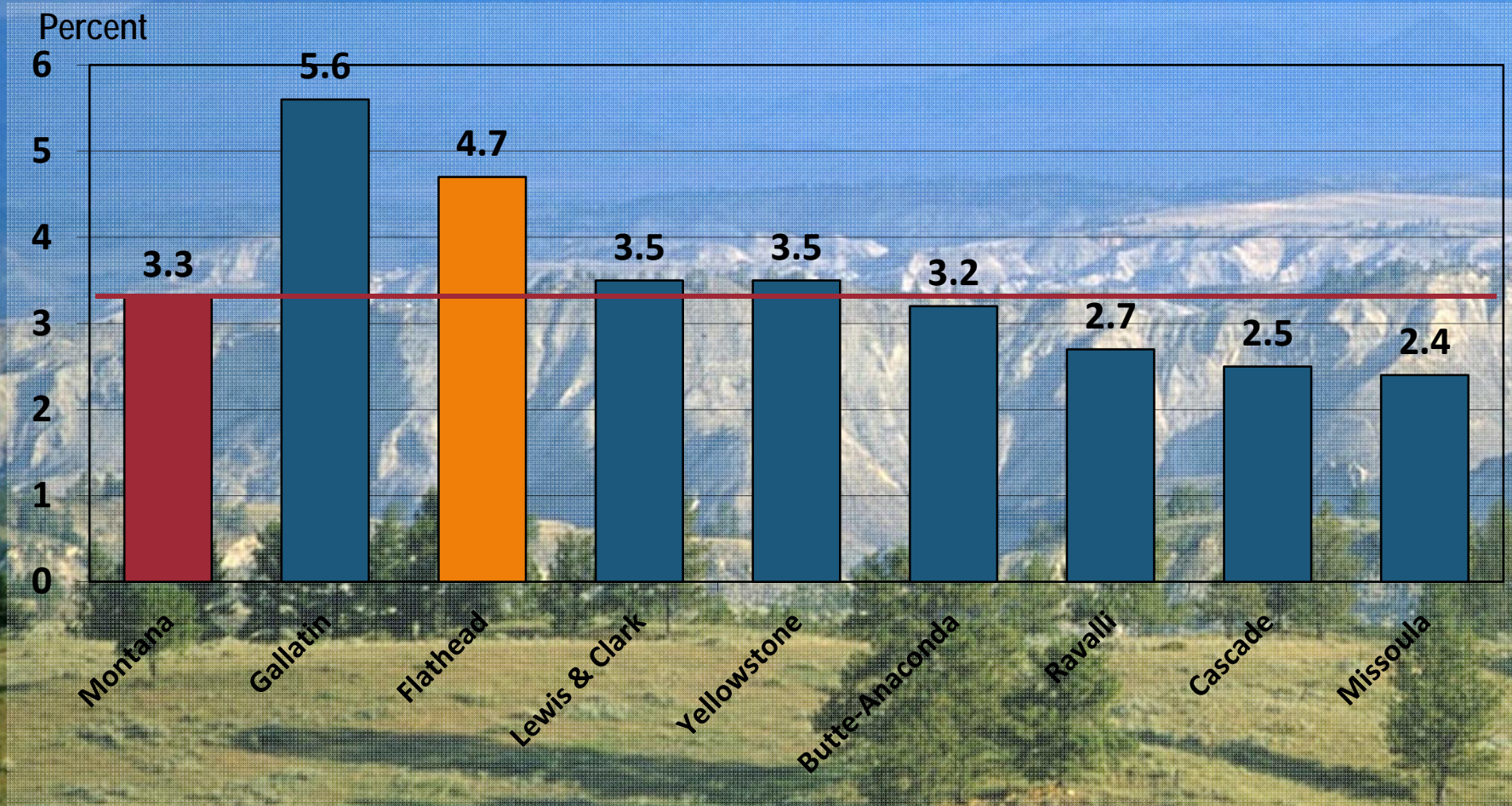


Local Outlook: Flathead County

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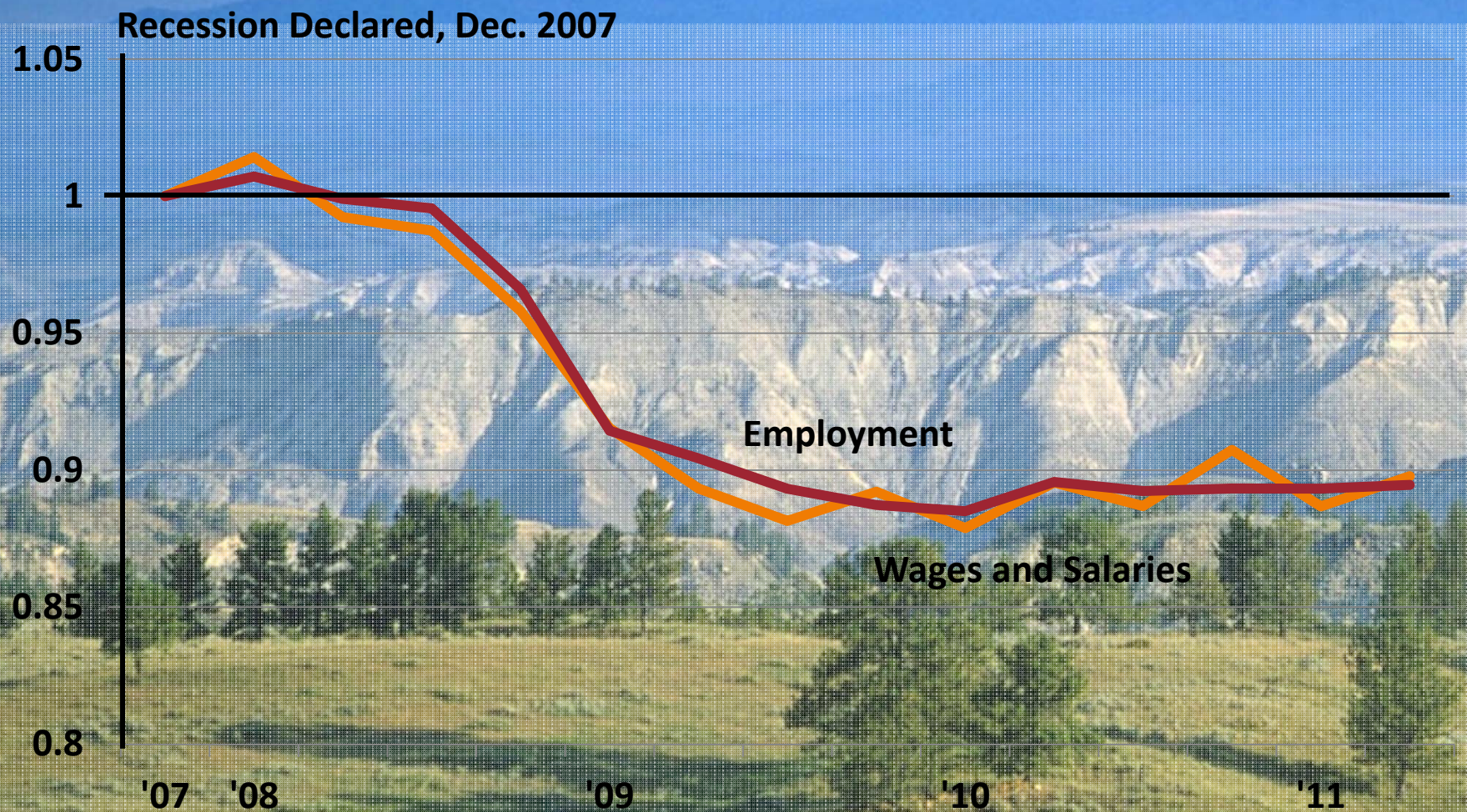
Annual Percent Change in Nonfarm Labor Income (in Constant Dollars), 2001-2007



Recession Scorecard

	Duration (Years)	Severity (% Change)
Lewis & Clark County	What Recession?	
Cascade County		
Yellowstone County	1	-1.5%
Butte - Anaconda	1	-0.8%
Missoula County	3-4	-4.9%
Gallatin County	2	-7.9%
Flathead County	4	-10.2%
Ravalli County	4	-11.4%

Non-Farm Employment and Inflation Adjusted Wages and Salaries, Seasonally Adjusted, Flathead County



Flathead County's Economic Base 2009-2011

- Other Basic 6%
- Primary Metals 1%
- Transportation 7%
- Trade Center 13%
- Other Manufacturing 17%
- Federal Government 18%
- Nonresident Travel 18%
- Wood Products 20%

Construction

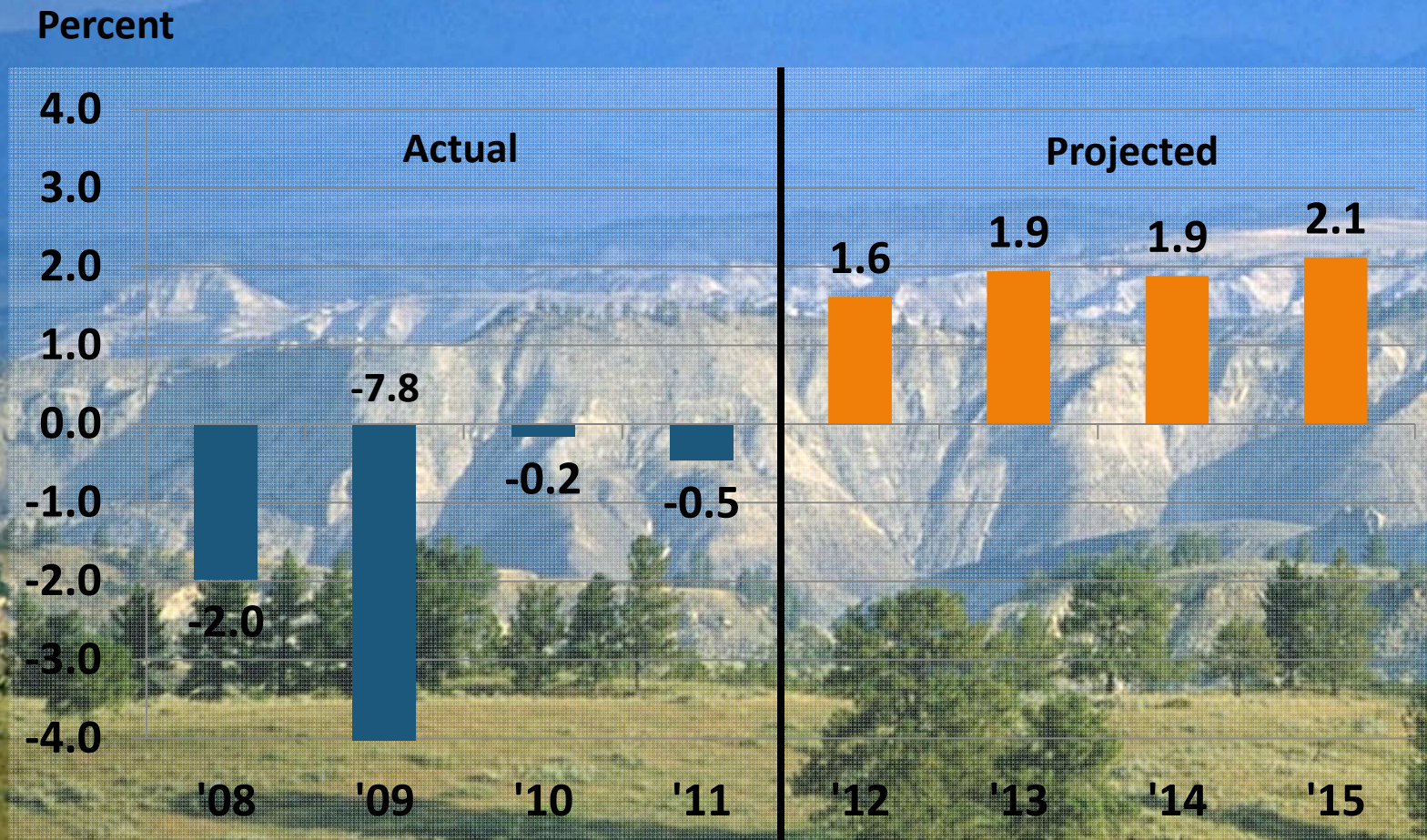
Dormant
Energy Growth

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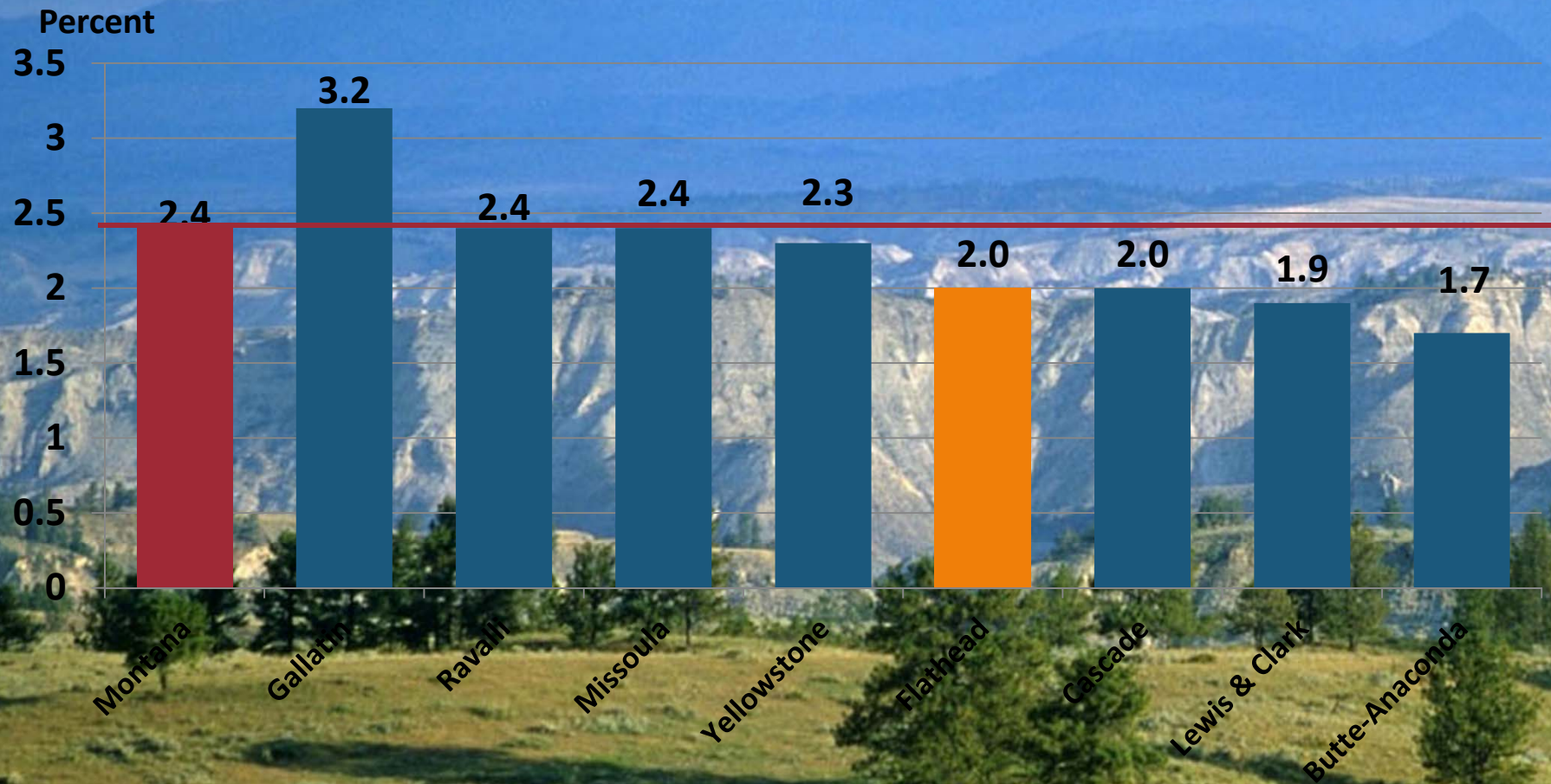
Slow Growth
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Not Before 2013

Actual and Projected Change in Nonfarm Earnings, Flathead County, 2008-2015



Projected Annual Percent Change in Nonfarm Labor Income (in Constant Dollars) 2011-2015

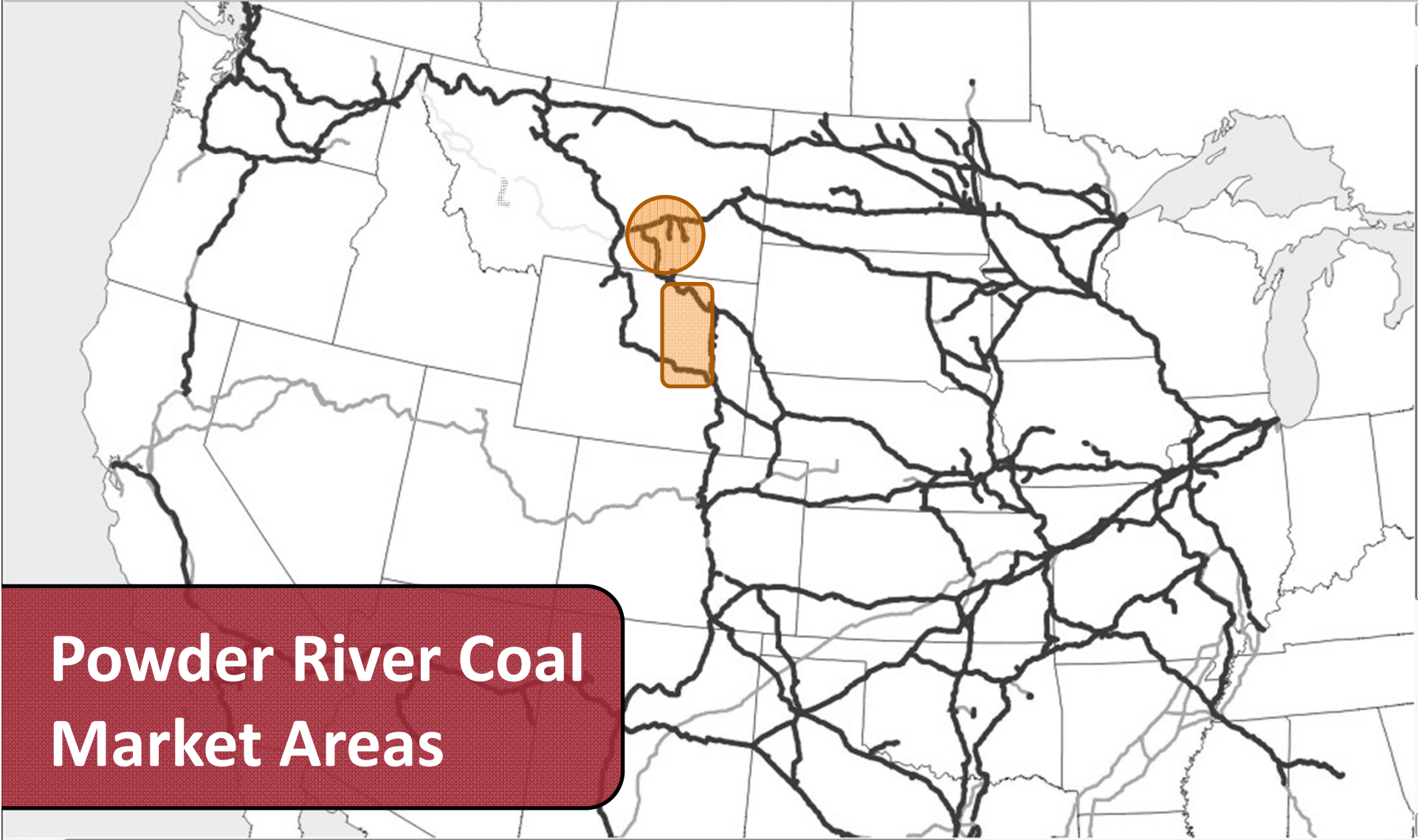


Montana's Energy Transportation Systems



Coal Reserves and Production

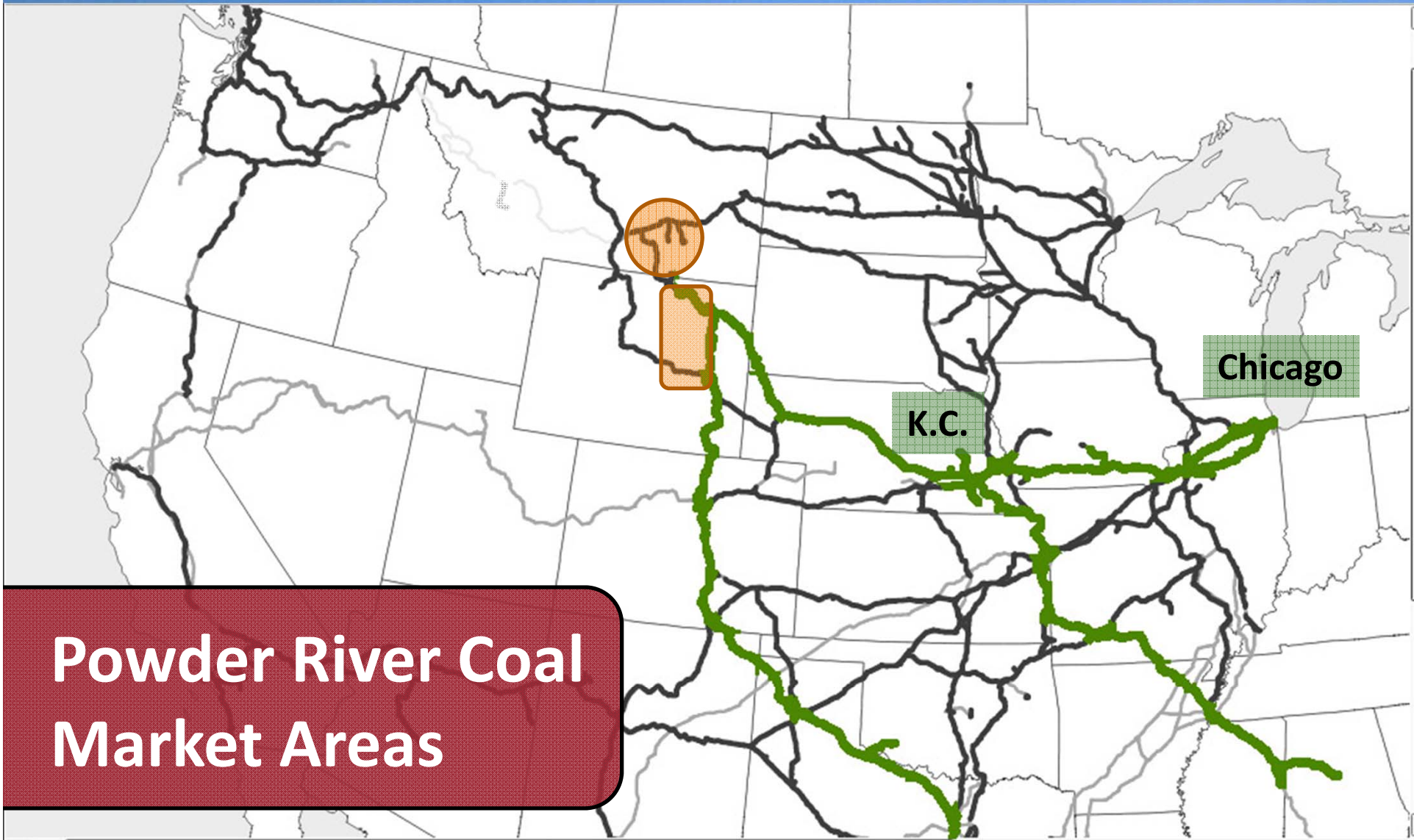
	Reserves (Billions of Tons)	
Montana	119.0	
Wyoming	61.0	



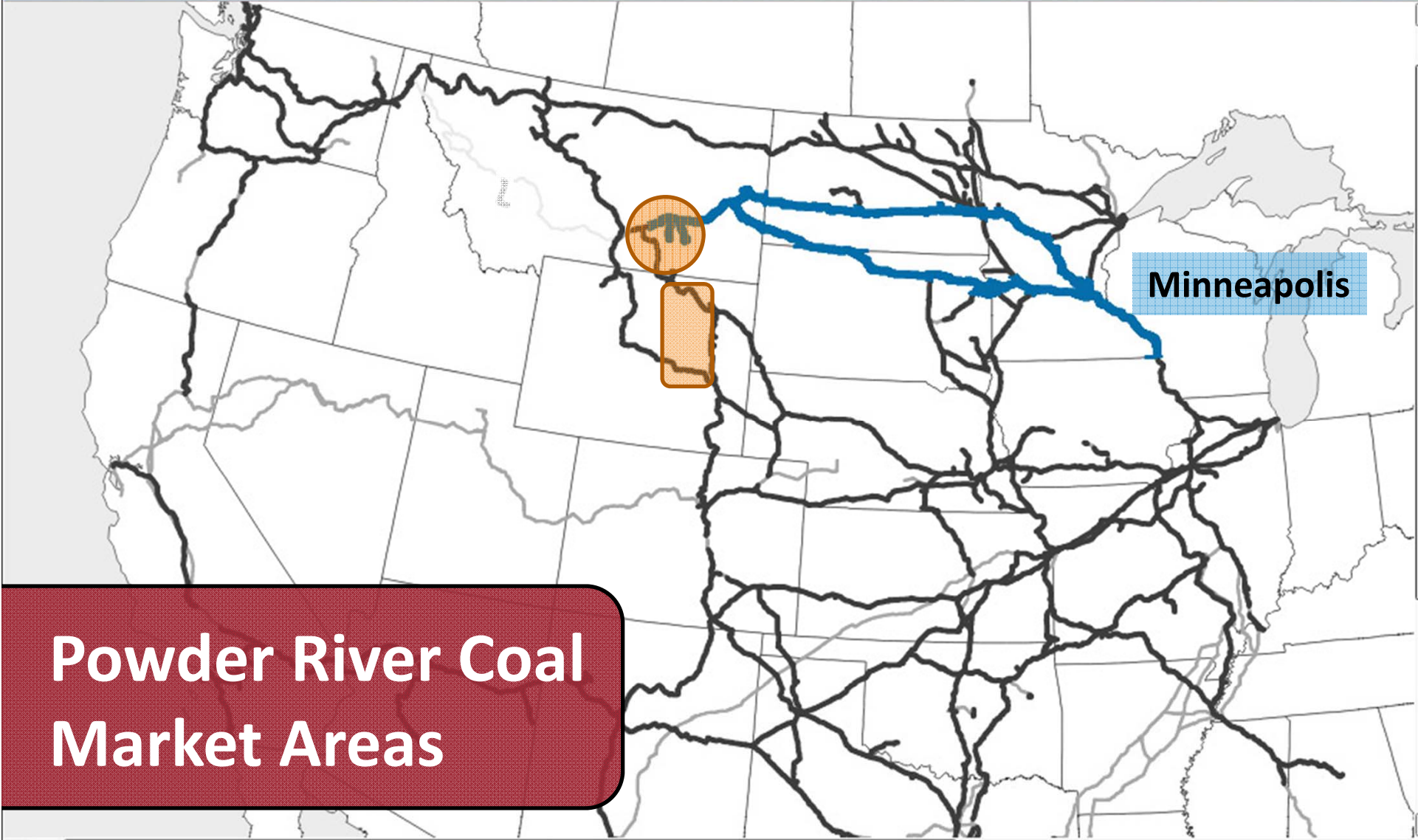
**Powder River Coal
Market Areas**



Powder River Coal Market Areas



Houston

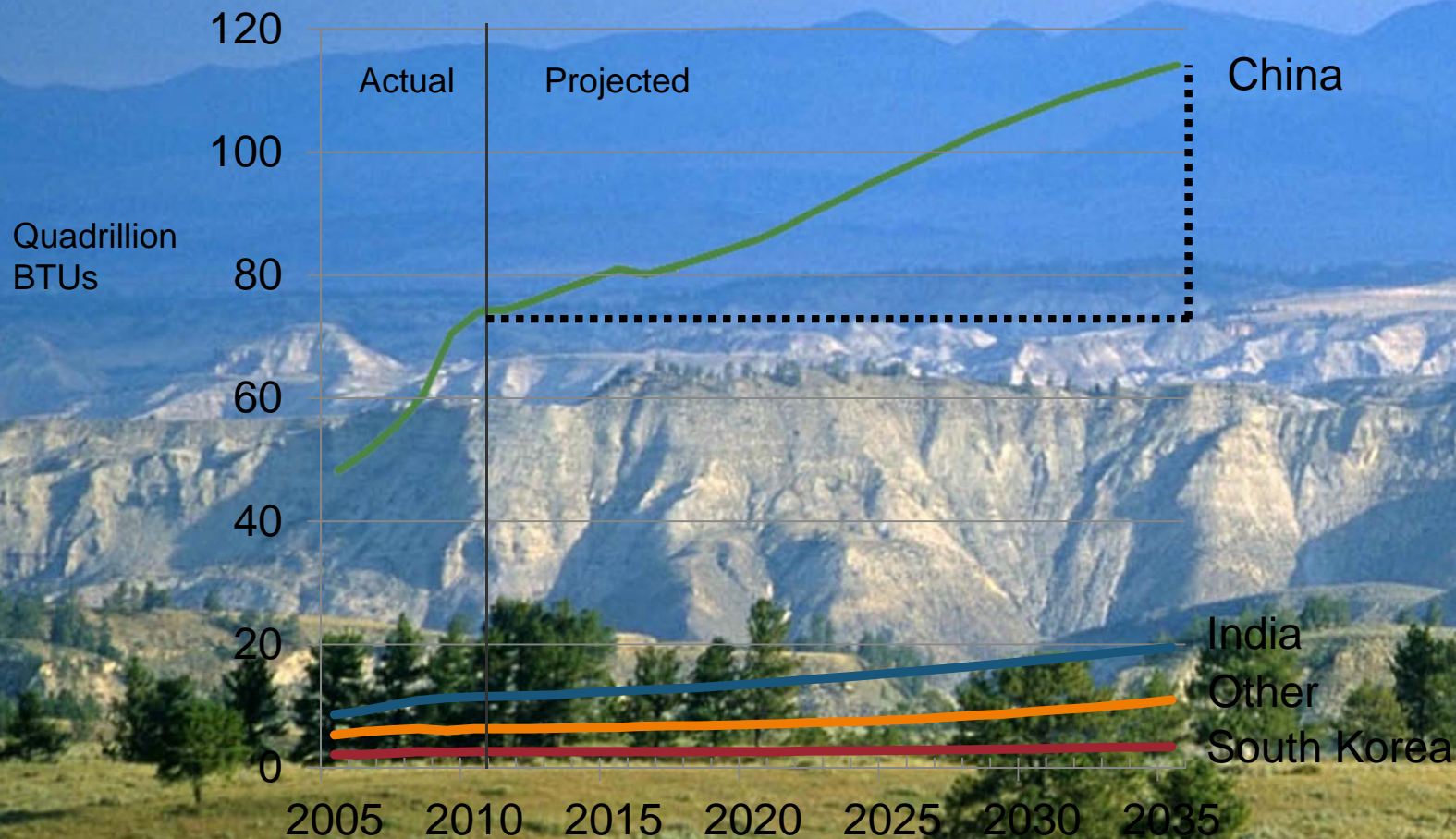


Minneapolis

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Actual and Projected Asian Coal Consumption



Sources: History: U.S. Energy Information Administration, International Energy Statistics database

Vancouver

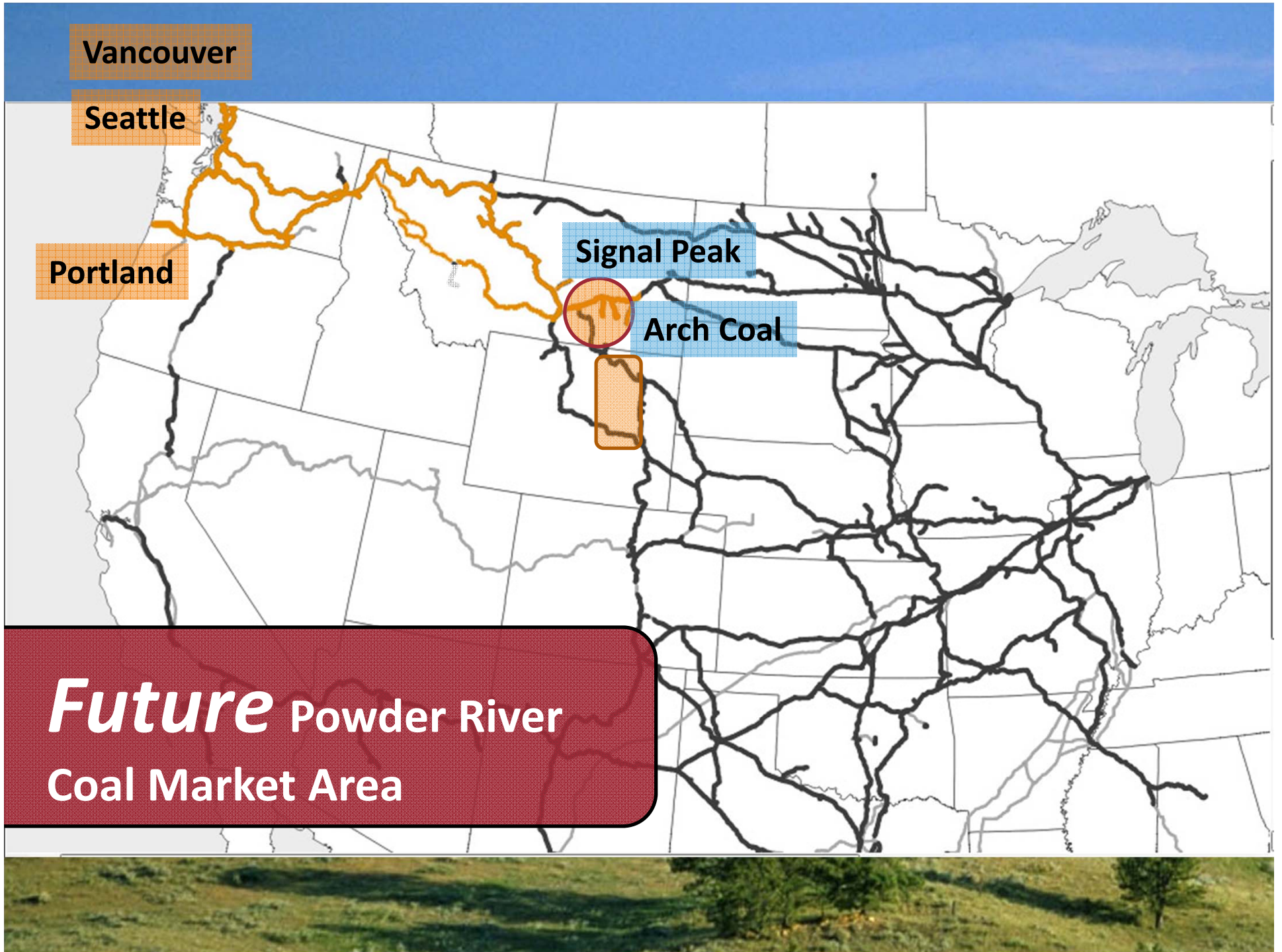
Seattle

Portland

Signal Peak

Arch Coal

Future Powder River
Coal Market Area

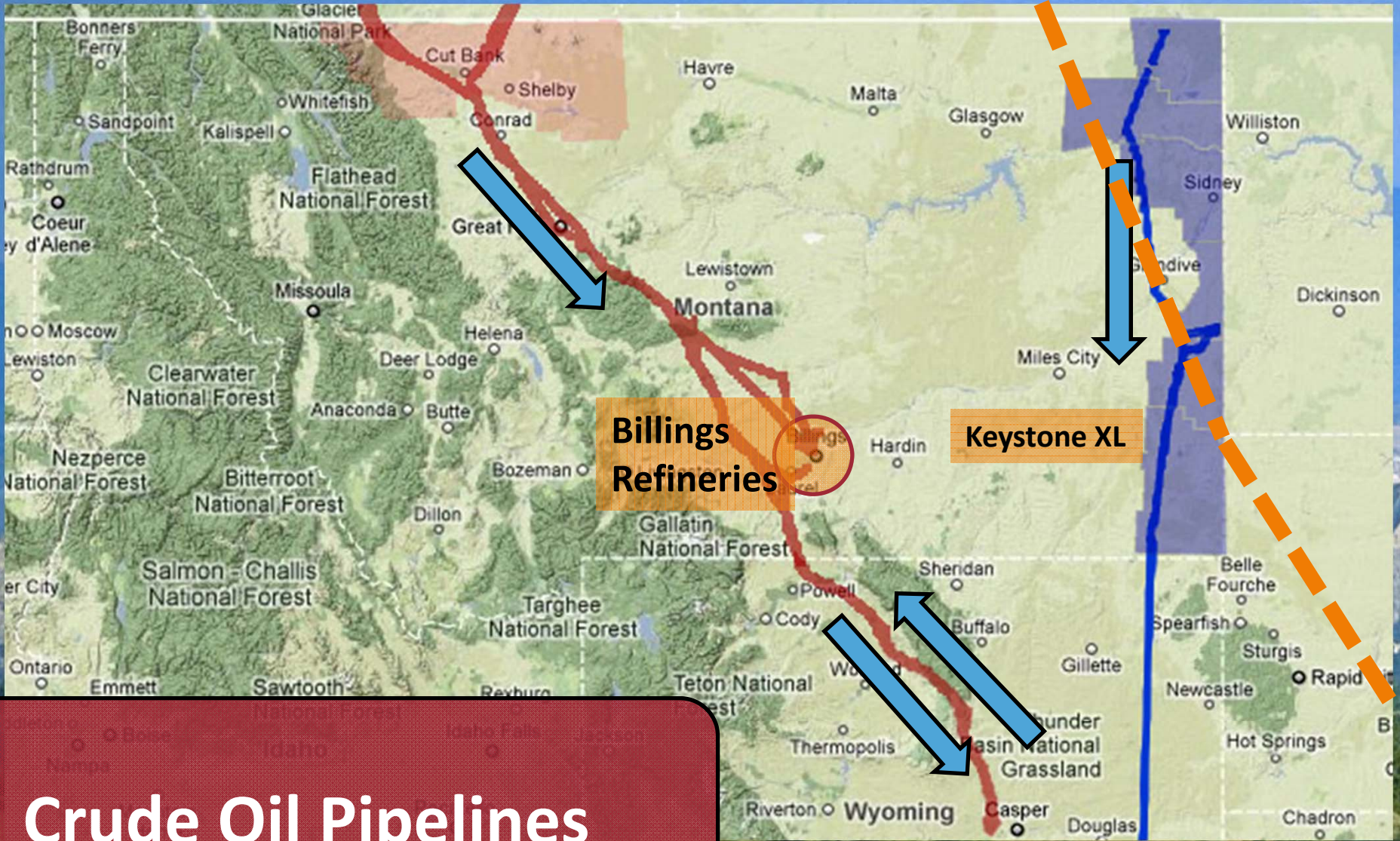


Montana Crude Oil, 2010

	Barrels

Source: Montana Oil and Gas Conservation Division.

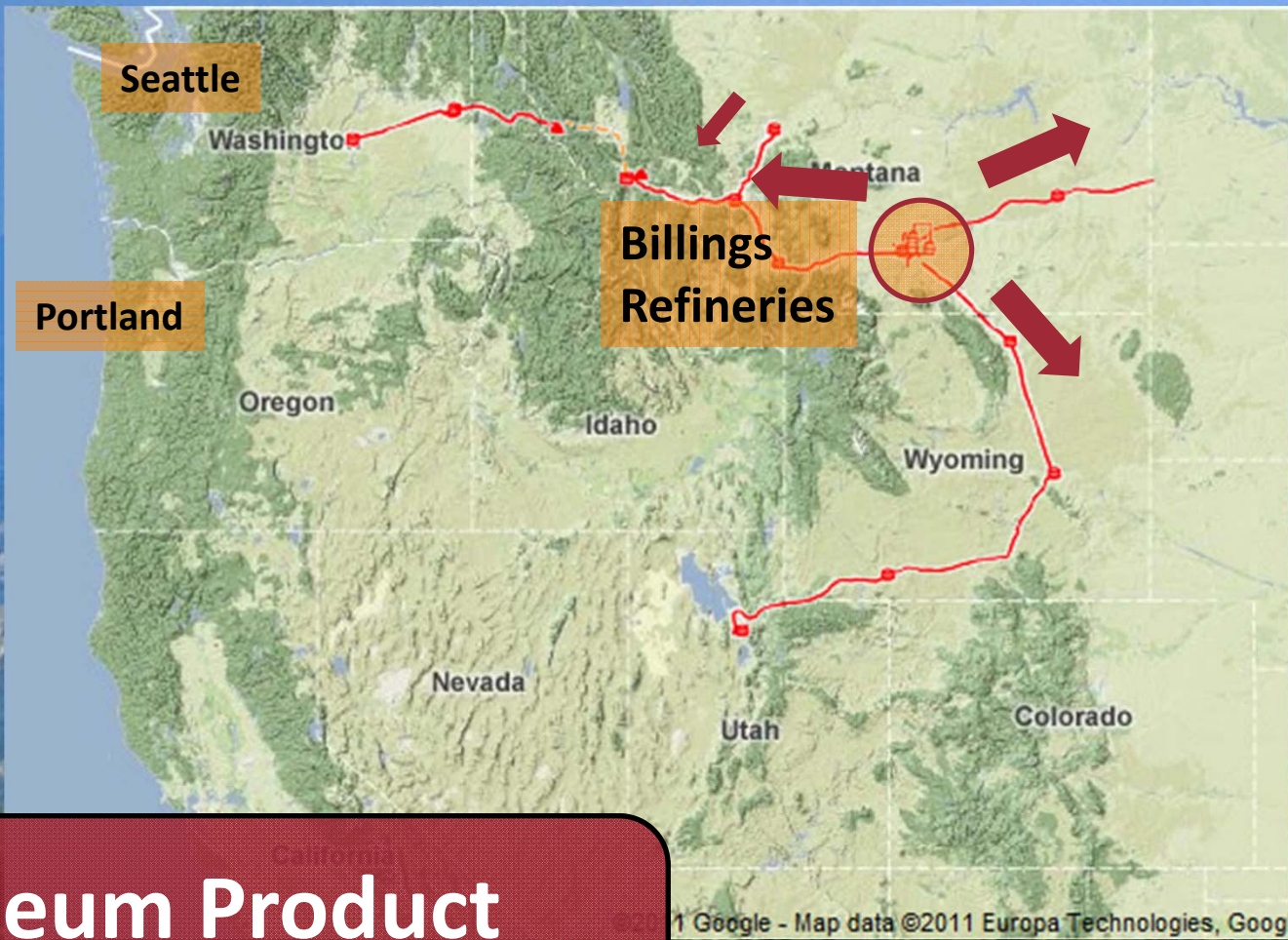
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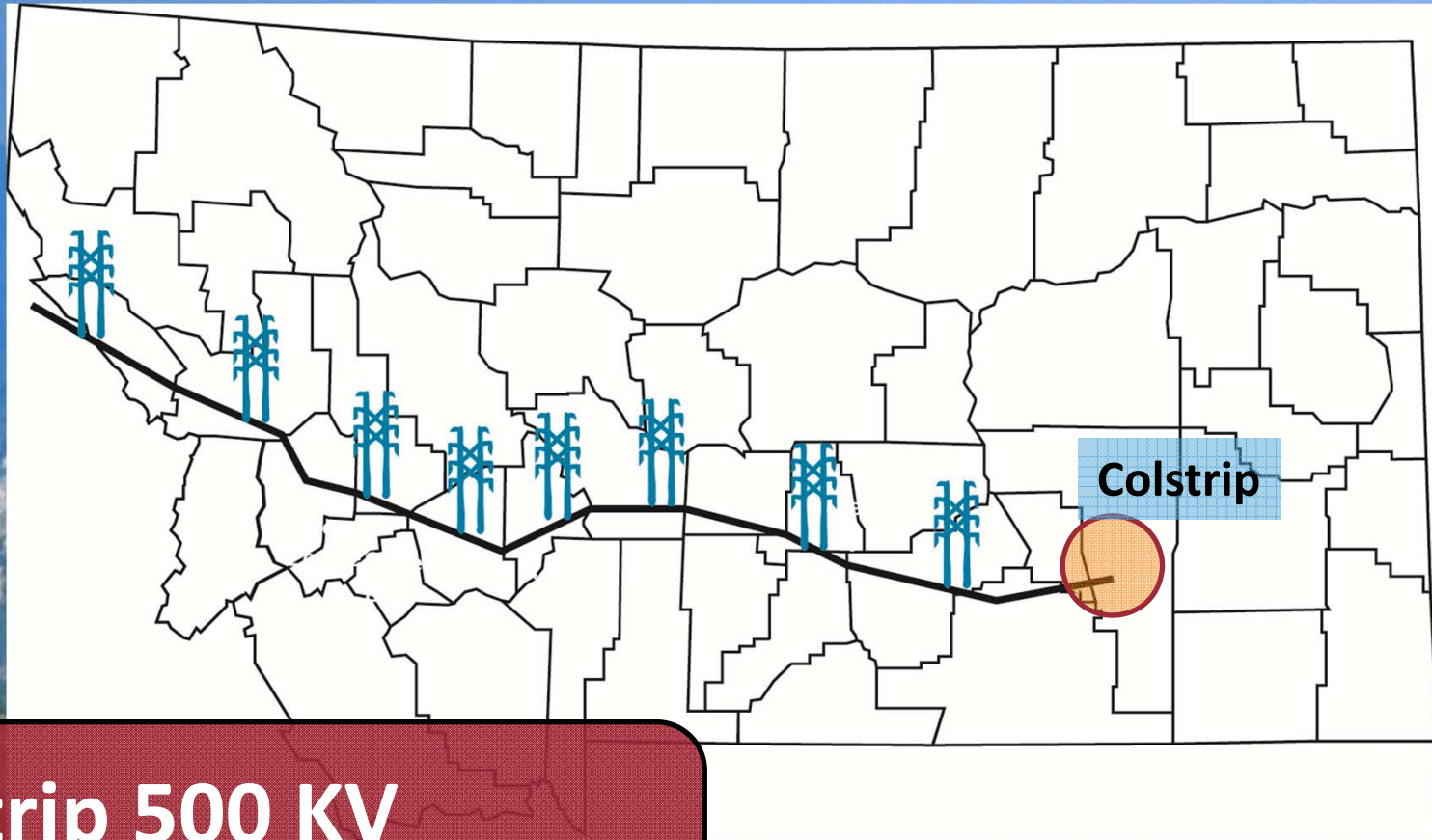
Billings Refineries

Keystone XL

Crude Oil Pipelines



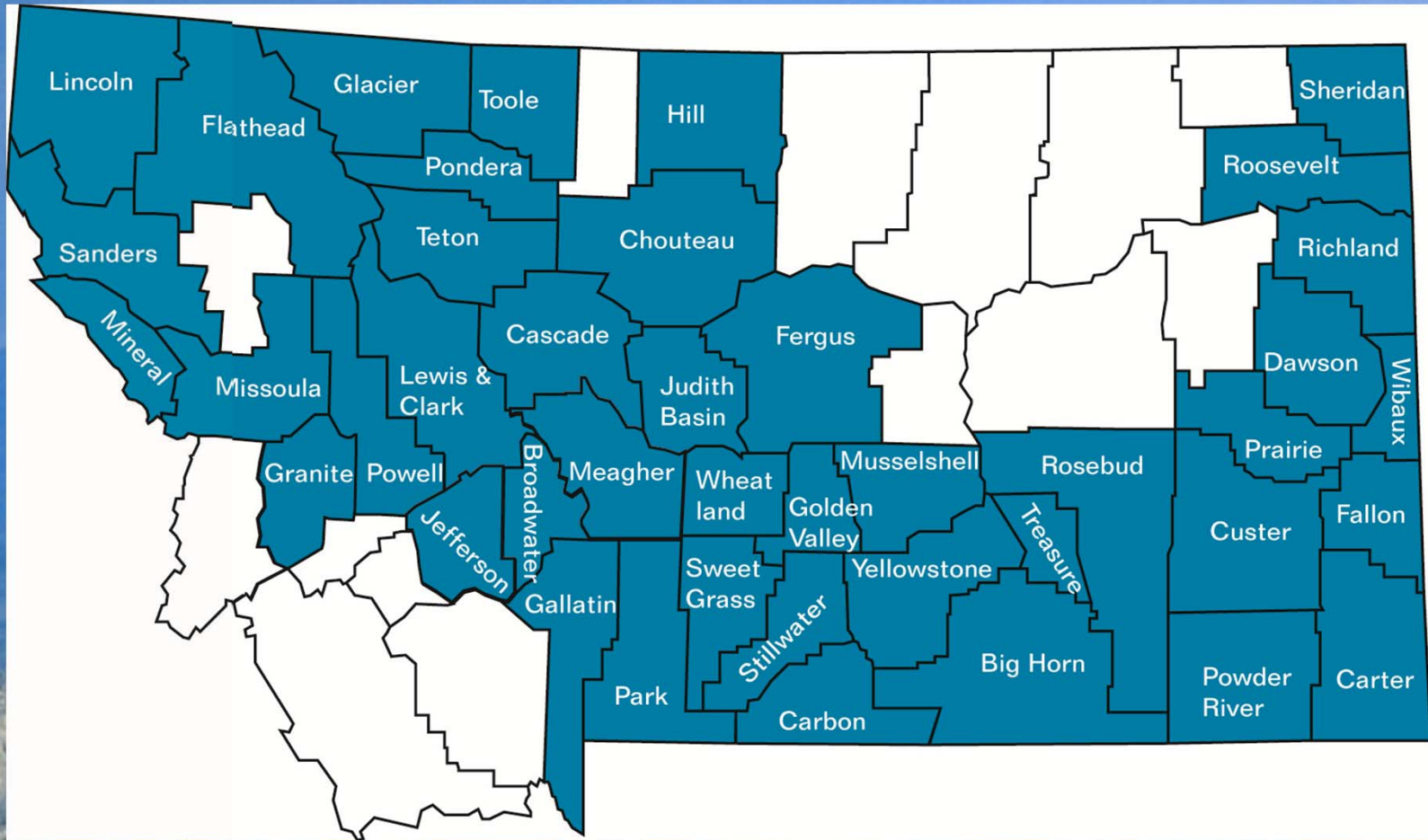
Petroleum Product Pipeline



**Colstrip 500 KV
Transmission Line**

Transmission Line Property Taxes to Counties

County	Estimated Taxes
Rosebud	\$492,000
Treasure	\$952,000
Big Horn	\$241,000
Yellowstone	\$1,467,000
Golden Valley	\$372,000
Stillwater	\$373,000
Wheatland	\$615,000
Meagher	\$865,000
Broadwater	\$563,000
Jefferson	\$401,000
Powell	\$322,000
Granite	\$401,000
Missoula	\$568,000
Mineral	\$784,000
TOTAL	\$8,417,000



Montana's Energy Transportation Systems

A landscape photograph showing a range of mountains under a clear blue sky. The foreground consists of a grassy field with several green trees. The middle ground features a series of layered, rocky mountain ridges. The background shows more distant, hazy mountain peaks. The word "Questions?" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image.

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