

II. APPENDIX D - DESCRIPTION OF THE LAND

A. Appendix D-2 - Brief History of the Area

The lands within the permit boundary have been used primarily as grazing lands for the Forbes 'Red Angus' cattle herd.

From 1923-1958 the Storm King Mine operated and mined coal from the Monarch coal bed of the Fort Union Formation. Total coal production was approximately 416,000 short tons.

There are two other gravel mines that have operated in the permitted area. Big Sky Asphalt operated under permit number ET0910 from 1994-2012. Beckton Stock Farm operated under permit number ET0885 from 1993-2005.

Land will continue to be used for livestock grazing during mining of the proposed site and post mining.