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Province, Wyoming and Montana**

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Introduction

The purpose of the U.S. Geological Survey's National Oil and Gas Assessment is to develop geologically based hypotheses regarding the potential for additions to oil and gas reserves in priority areas of the United States. The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) recently completed an assessment of the undiscovered oil and gas potential of the Bighorn Basin Province which encompasses about 6.7 million acres in Wyoming and Montana.

The assessment is based on the geologic elements of each total petroleum system (TPS) defined in the province, including hydrocarbon source rocks (source-rock maturation, hydrocarbon generation, and migration), reservoir rocks (sequence stratigraphy and petrophysical properties), and hydrocarbon traps (trap formation and timing). Using this geologic framework, the USGS defined two TPSs: (1) Phosphoria TPS, and (2) Cretaceous-Tertiary Composite TPS. Within these systems, eight Assessment Units (AU) were defined, and undiscovered oil and gas resources were quantitatively estimated for all AUs.

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The USGS Central Energy Resources Team has developed an Internet Map Service to deliver the GIS data to the public. The spatial data that formed the basis of the GIS are provided online at the USGS National Oil and Gas Assessment Web site (NOGA Online: <http://energy.cr.usgs.gov/oilgas/noga>) and are also contained on this CD-ROM in the spatial folder. GIS information is presented in the Spatial folder and its subdirectories that contain the spatial data, documentation, and export files. The Spatial/Doc folder contains metadata for the Bighorn Basin Province spatial data in .htm format. The Spatial/Export folder contains Arc/Info export files (.e00). The Spatial/Shape folder contains ArcView/ArcGIS shapefiles used in the GIS project. Most of the base cartographic data layers used in the GIS project were obtained from the U.S. Department of the Interior National Atlas Web site, www.nationalatlas.gov or the U.S. Geological Survey National Map, <http://nmviewgc.cr.usgs.gov/viewer.htm>.

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- 410 MB Disk Space

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