

OPEN-FILE REPORT
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EXPLANATION

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OVERBURDEN ISOPACH—Showing thickness of overburden, in feet, from the surface to the top of the coal bed. Overburden isopachs within the stripping limit are omitted where they are too close to a mining-ratio contour for map readability. Isopach interval 100 feet (30.5 m).

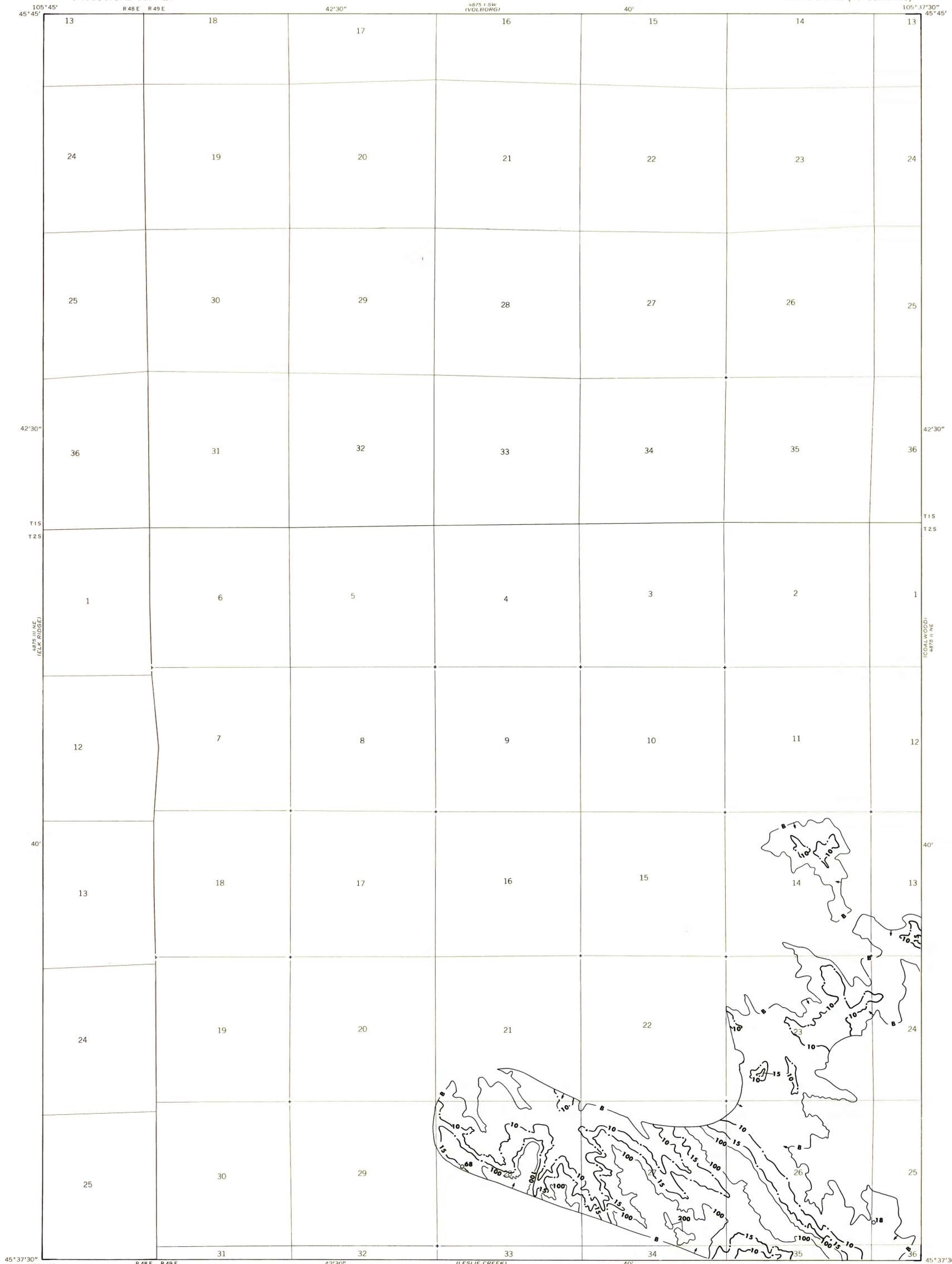
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BOUNDARY OF COAL 5 FEET OR MORE THICK—
Drawn along the outcrop of coal bed and/or the inferred contact between burned and unburned coal and/or the 5-foot coal isopach. Arrows point toward area of coal 5 feet or more thick.

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DRILL HOLE—Showing thickness of overburden, in feet, from the surface to the top of the coal bed.

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MINING-RATIO CONTOUR—Number indicates cubic yards of overburden per ton of recoverable coal by surface-mining methods. Contours shown only in areas suitable for surface mining within the stripping limit.

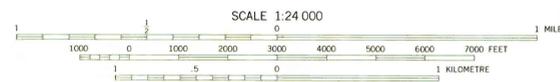
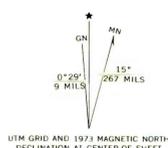
To convert feet to meters, multiply feet by 0.3048.

To convert yds³/ton to m³/metric ton, multiply yds³/ton by 0.842.



Base map from U.S. Geological Survey, 1973

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**COAL RESOURCE OCCURRENCE MAP OF THE BOX ELDER CREEK
QUADRANGLE, POWDER RIVER COUNTY, MONTANA**

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PLATE 5
OVERBURDEN ISOPACH AND MINING-RATIO
MAP OF THE MACKIN-WALKER COAL BED