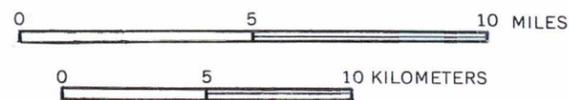


This map shows 16 strippable coal deposits within the Ashland Division of the Custer National Forest in southeastern Montana. "Strippable coal deposits" are regarded in this report as a coal bed(s) more than 5 ft thick overlain by less than 200 ft of overburden. This generalized map was constructed from data provided in the following references:

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This map is preliminary and has not been reviewed for conformity with U.S. Geological Survey editorial standards nor with the North American stratigraphic code.

**Plate 2. Generalized Map Showing the Strippable Coal Deposits in the Ashland Division of the Custer National Forest, Southeastern Montana**