



# Uinta Basin CarbonSAFE II: An Overview

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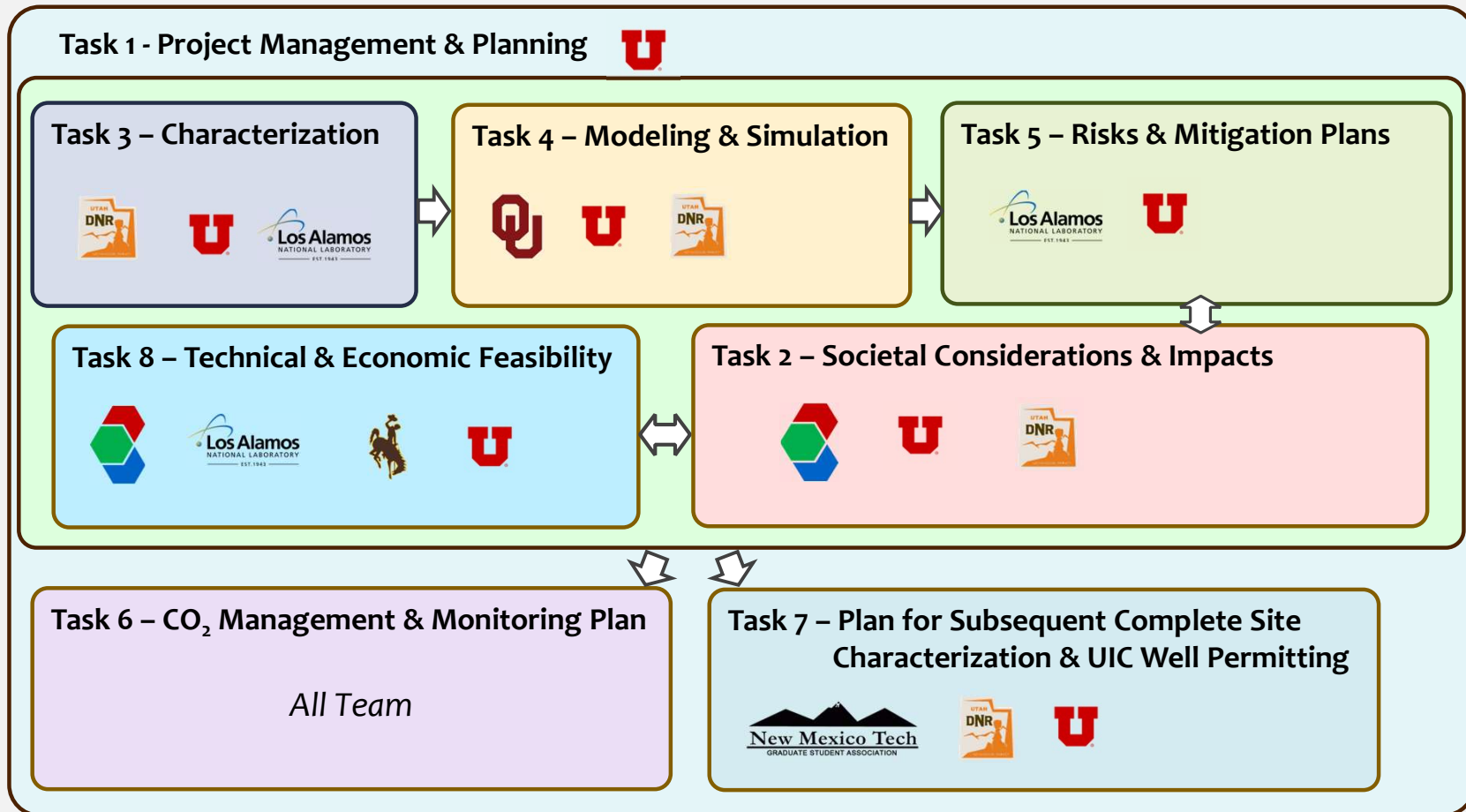
## Project Goals

### ***Uinta Basin CarbonSAFE II: Storage Complex Feasibility***

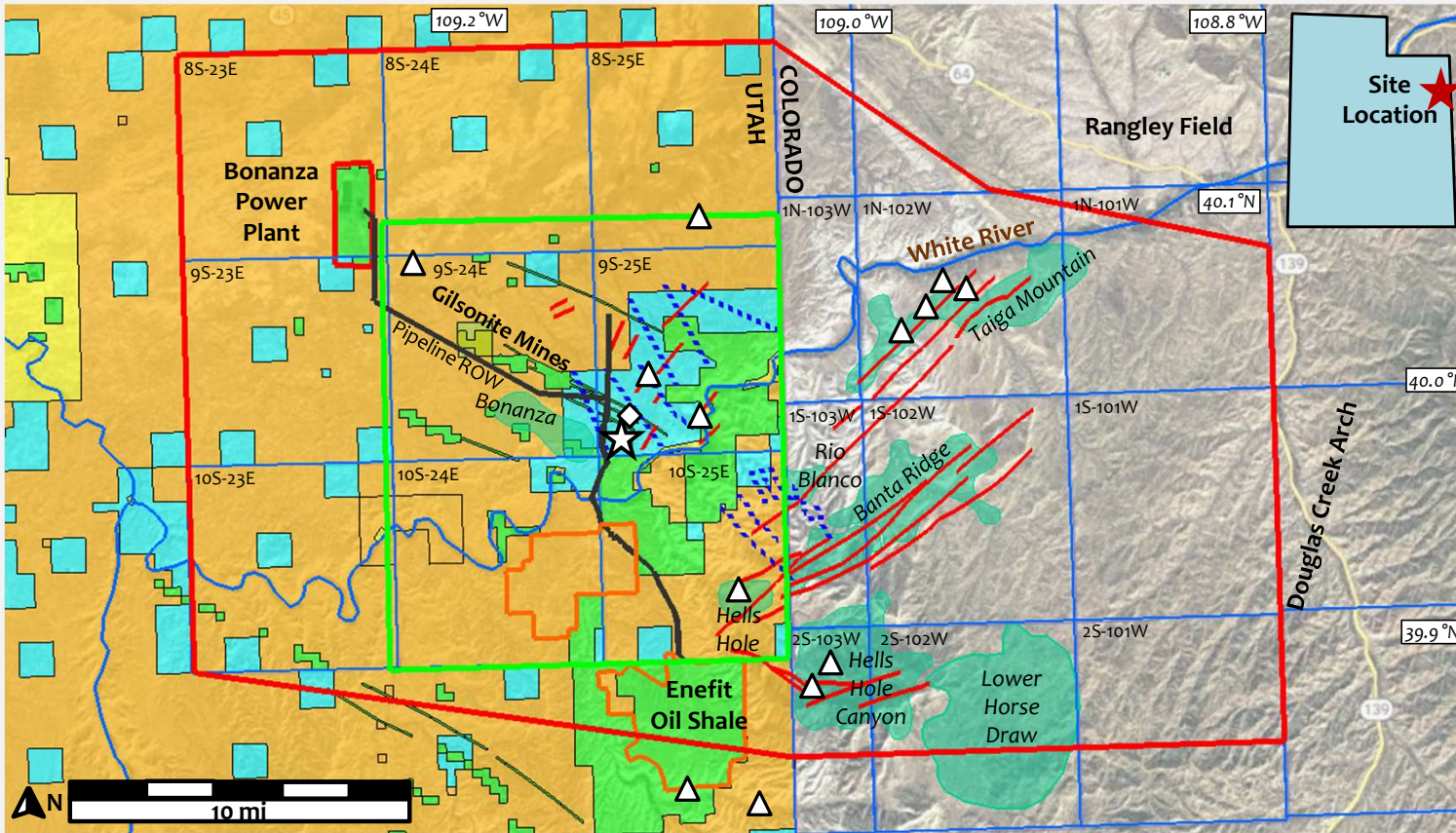
To establish the technical and economic feasibility of a commercial-scale CO<sub>2</sub> geological storage complex in the northeast Uinta Basin, Utah, to securely and economically sequester 50 million metric tons of captured CO<sub>2</sub> in 30 years.



# Tasks and Leadership



# Research Site Overview



- LEGEND**
- CarbonSAFE PHASE II Study
  - Area of Study
  - ★ Proposed Injection Site
  - ▭ CCS Storage Area
  - ◇ Proposed Stratigraphic Well
- Geological Features and Data**
- △ Wells with Cores / Cuttings / Logs
  - Faults
  - ▭ Legacy 2D Seismic Lines
- Oil and Gas Operations**
- ▭ Oil and Gas Fields
  - ▭ Enefit Oil Shale Mines
  - ▭ Enefit Pipeline Right-Of-Way
- Utah Land Ownership**
- ▭ Tribal
  - ▭ Private
  - ▭ State (SITLA)
  - ▭ Federal





# Utah Policy Support



- **Utah State House Bill 244 Geological Carbon Sequestration**

- Pore Space Ownership
- Permit Pathway for Commercial CCS Projects
- Long-term Liability

- **Governor's Office of Energy Development**

- Utah High-cost Infrastructure Tax Credit (HCITC) – promote investment in rural energy-related infrastructure projects



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# Public Engagement

## Project Advisory Board



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## Stakeholders and Organizations Engagement



Ute Tribe Business Council  
2022, MOU



Utah Office of Energy Development  
2022, Letter of Support



Enefit American Oil  
2022, Letter of Support



Green Leaf Resources  
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KGH Operator  
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Hohn Engineering  
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Bayless Producer LLC  
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Deseret Power  
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Ute Energy



Uintah County



Vernal City



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Uintah Basin Applied  
Technology College



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Policy Institute



UU Equity, Diversity &  
Inclusion Office



Utah Association  
of Energy Users



Utah Clean Energy



Utah Department of  
Environmental Quality



Utah Department of  
Public Utilities



Utah Division of  
Multicultural Affairs



Utah Office of  
Consumer Protection



Utah Health Department

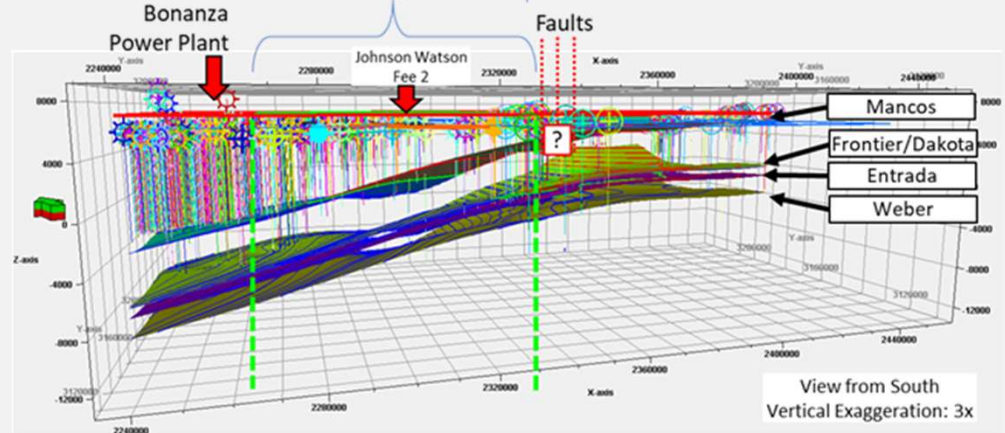
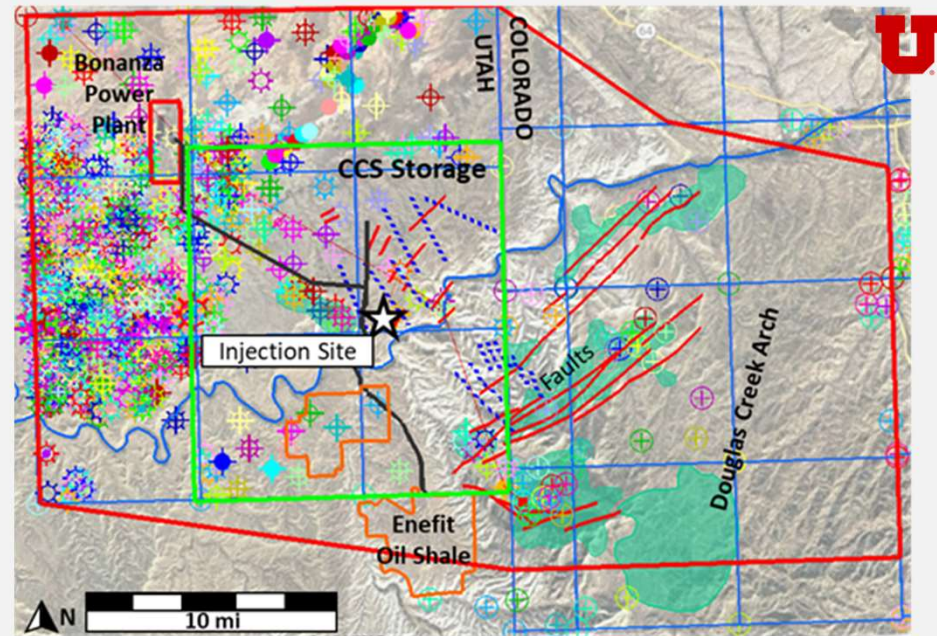
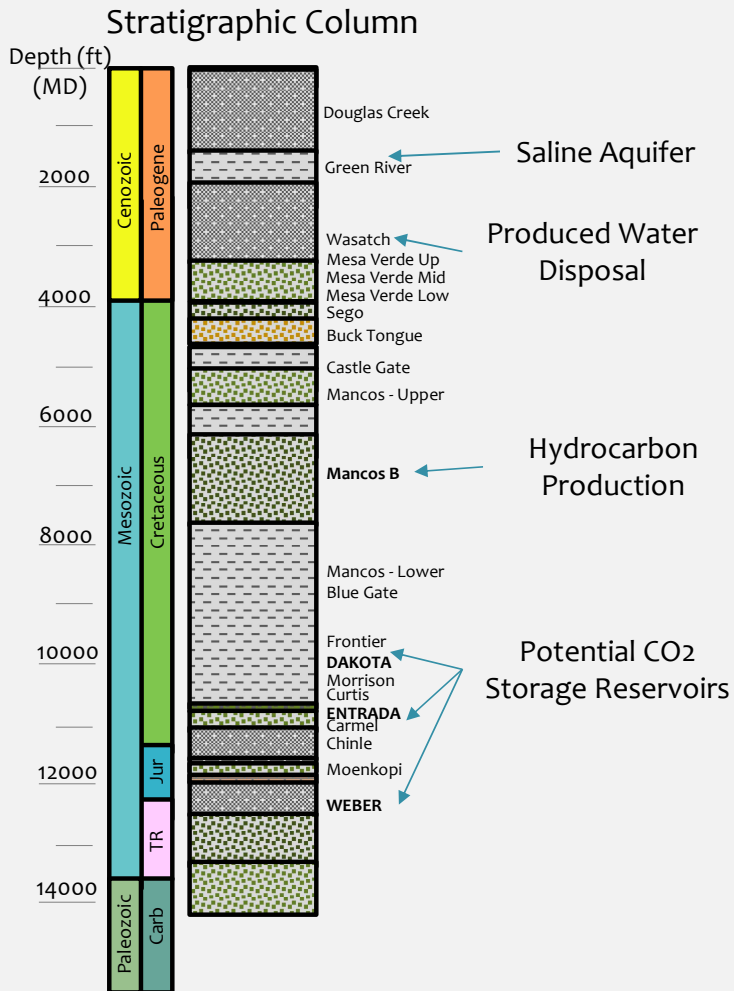


Utah Mining Association



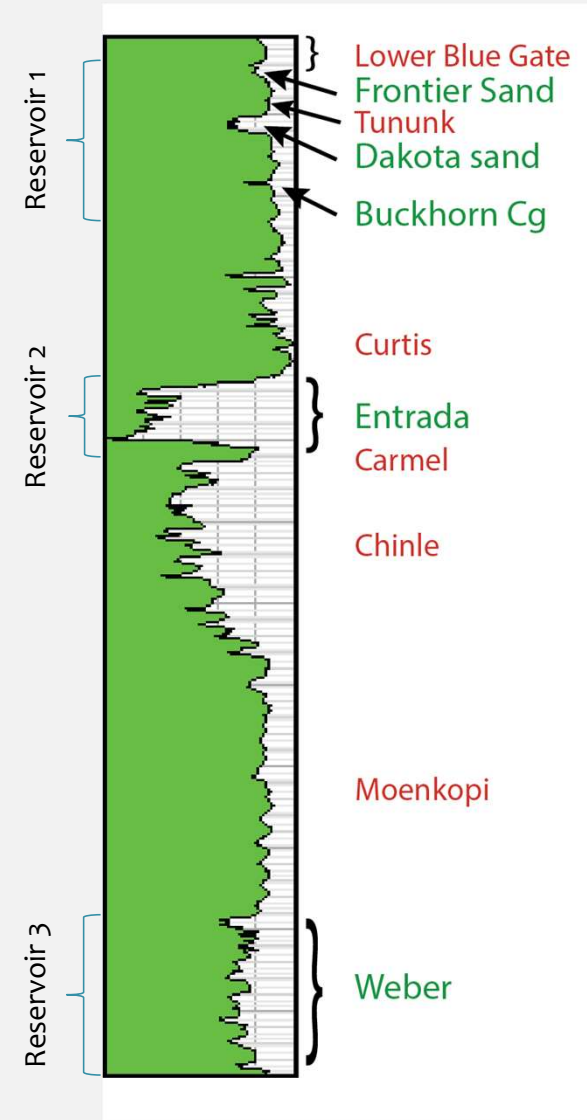
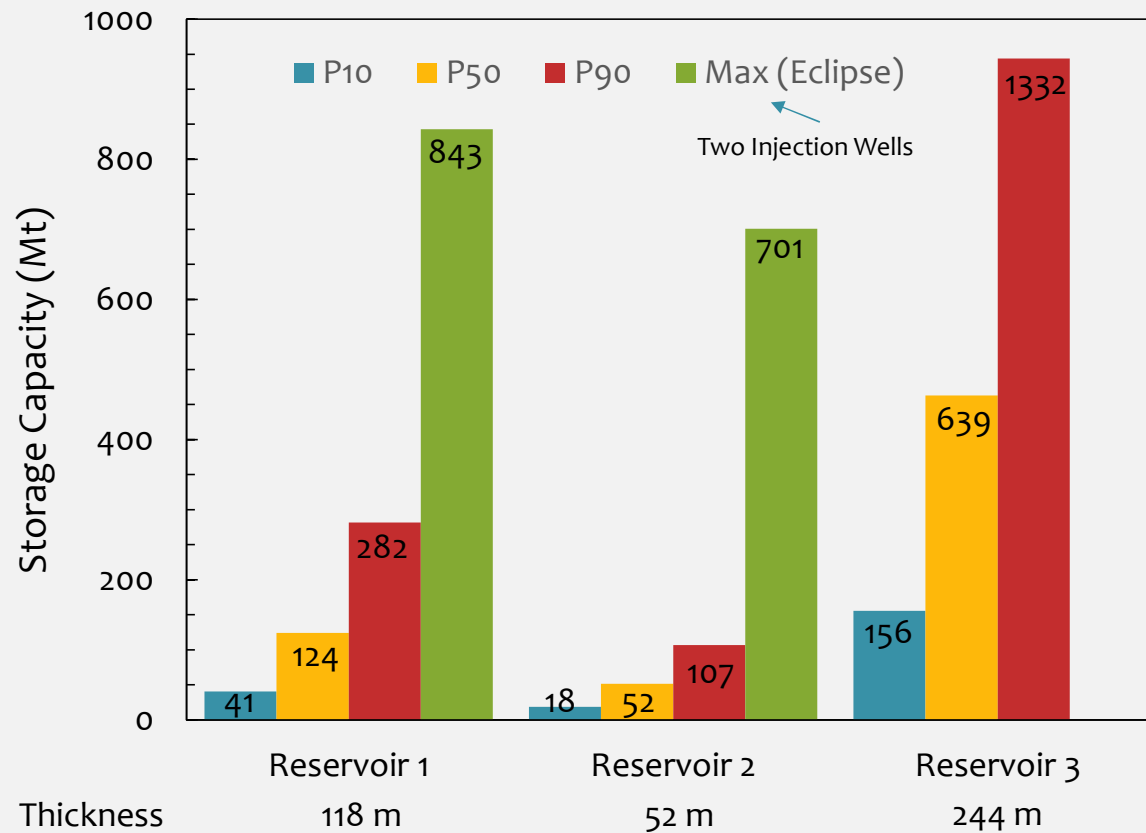
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Infrastructure Coalition

# Regional Geology



# Prospective Storage Capacity

CO<sub>2</sub>-SCREEN Volumetric Calculation in 400 km<sup>2</sup>

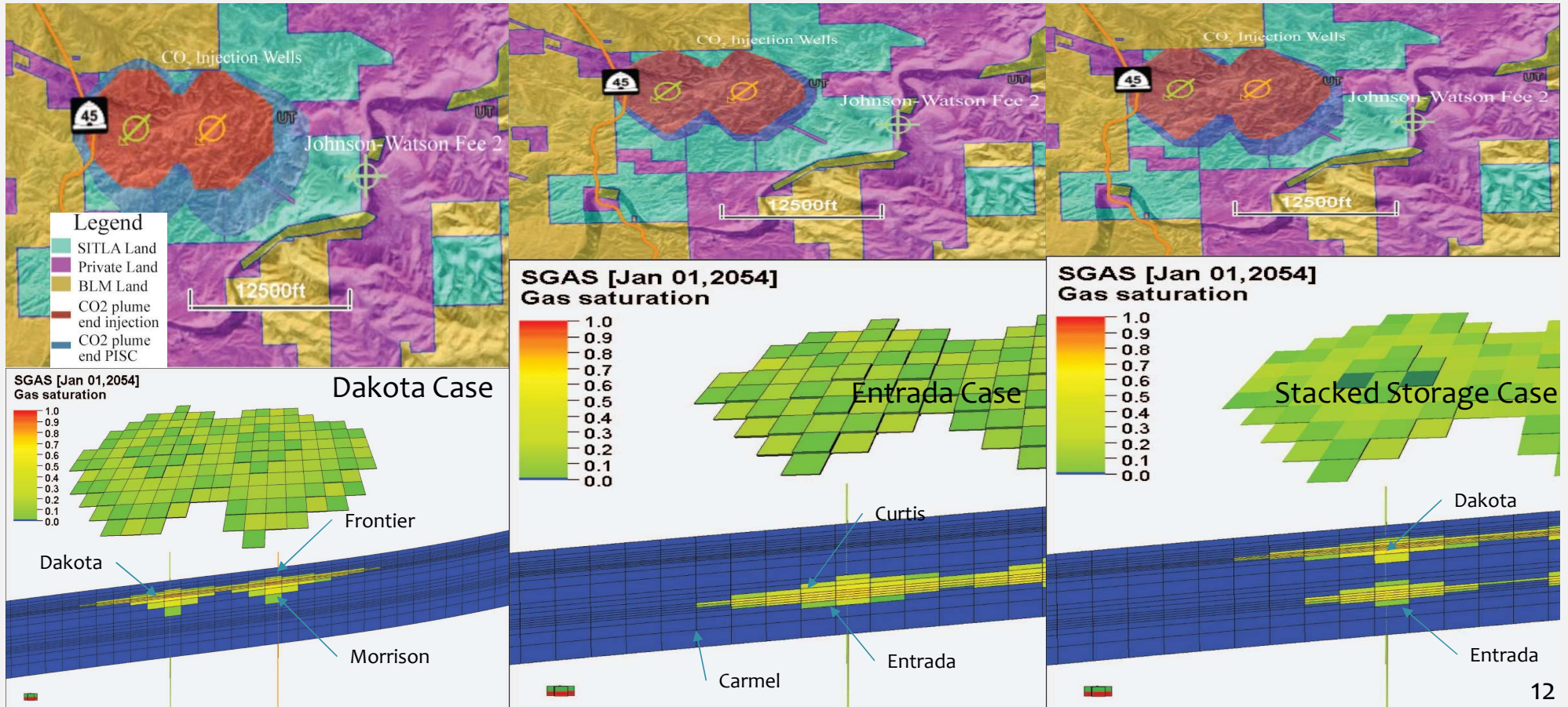




# Numerical Simulations



Total Simulation Time: 80 years (30 years injection of 50 Mt CO<sub>2</sub> + 50 years PISC)

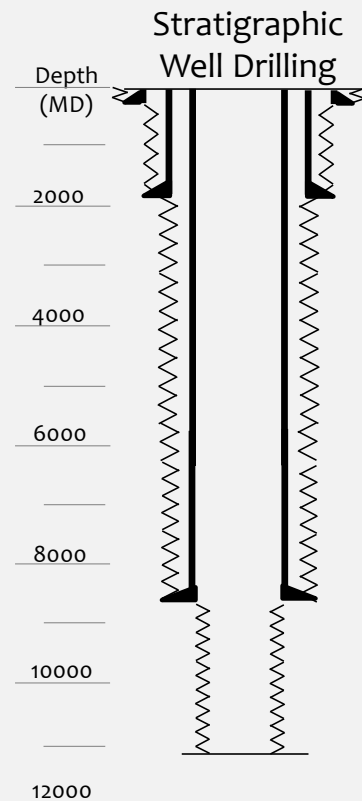




# Summary

- ✓ CO<sub>2</sub> Source(s)
- ✓ Geology
- ✓ Environment
- ✓ Policy and Legislation
- ✓ Stakeholder and Public Support

## What Is Next:



- Better understanding of geology
- More collaborations and engagements with stakeholders
- Model refinement
- Updated simulation results
- Better evaluation of feasibility
- Better planning





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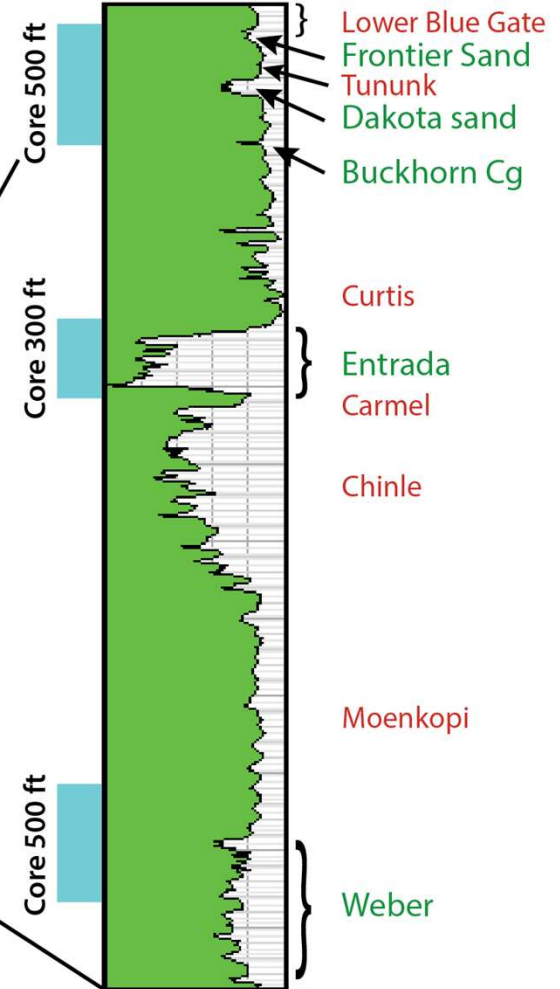
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Formation Type	Formation Name	Thickness	Poro	Storage Resource			
				P <sub>10</sub> [Mt]	P <sub>50</sub> [Mt]	P <sub>90</sub> [Mt]	
		[m]	[%]				
<b>Seal</b>	MANCOS	1267	3.0				
<b>Reservoir A</b>	FRONTIER	16	14.0	8.3	25.2	57.7	
	Tununk / Juana Lopez MS	24	8.0	0.6	2.1	5.8	
	DAKOTA-Upper	12	22.5	0.8	2.9	8.3	
	DAKOTA-Lower	16	19.0	12.4	38.5	88.9	
	CEDAR MOUNTAIN	26	7.0	0.6	1.9	5.3	
	Buckhorn Cg	24	17.0	18.0	53.8	115.7	
	<b>SUBTOTAL</b>				<b>40.7</b>	<b>124.2</b>	<b>281.7</b>
	<b>Seal</b>	MORRISON	161	10.0			
	CURTIS	26	9.0				
<b>Reservoir B</b>	ENTRADA	52	18.0	<b>18.4</b>	<b>51.6</b>	<b>106.9</b>	
<b>Seal</b>	CARMEL	19	6.0				
	CHINLE	181	4.0				
	MOENKOPI / PARK CITY	246	6.0				
<b>Reservoir C</b>	WEBER	244	16.5	<b>155.6</b>	<b>463.0</b>	<b>943.7</b>	
<b>Basement</b>	MORGAN	378	4.0				
	MISSISSIPPIAN	600	2.0				
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>214.6</b>	<b>638.8</b>	<b>1332.3</b>	

Max 843 Mt  
(Eclipse)

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Period	Formation / Member	Thickness (feet)	Depth (feet)*	Lith.
EOCENE	Green River Formation	1490	0	
	Wasatch Formation	1025	1490	
CRETACEOUS	Mesaverde Group	Price River Ss	1475	2515
		Sego Sandstone	435	3990
	Mancos	Mancos Shale	4155	4425
		Frontier	45	8580
		Frontier-Lower	60	8625
		Tununk	85	8640
	Dakota-Upper	110	8710	
	Dakota-Lower	55	8750	
	Cedar Mountain Fm	85	8805	
	Buckhorn Conglomerate	75	8890	
JURASSIC	Morrison Formation	605	8965	
	Curtis Formation	85	9495	
	Entrada Formation	175	9580	
	Carmel Formation	60	9750	
	Chinle Formation	590	9810	
	Moenkopi Formation	810	10405	
	Weber Sandstone	800	11215	



	Injection Target
	Seal

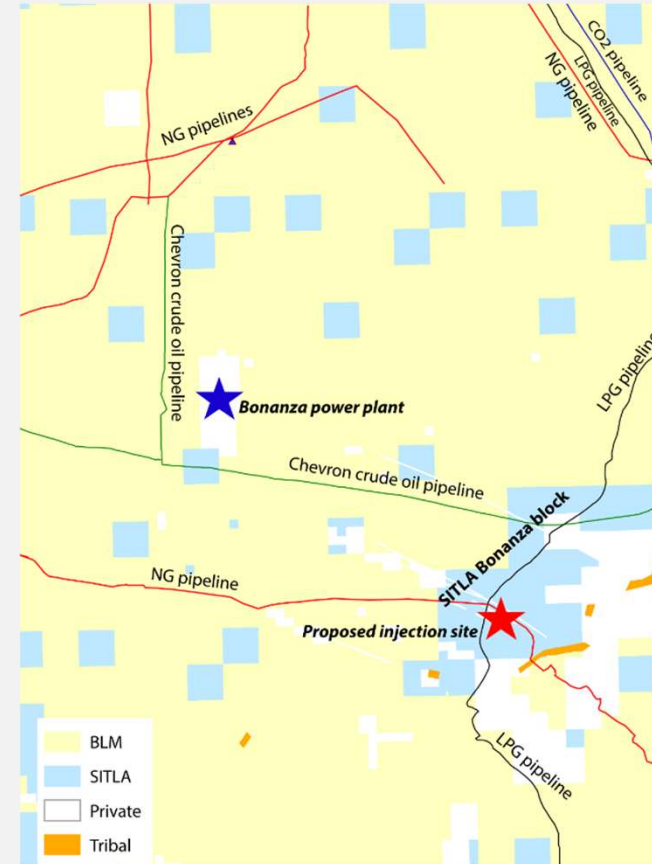
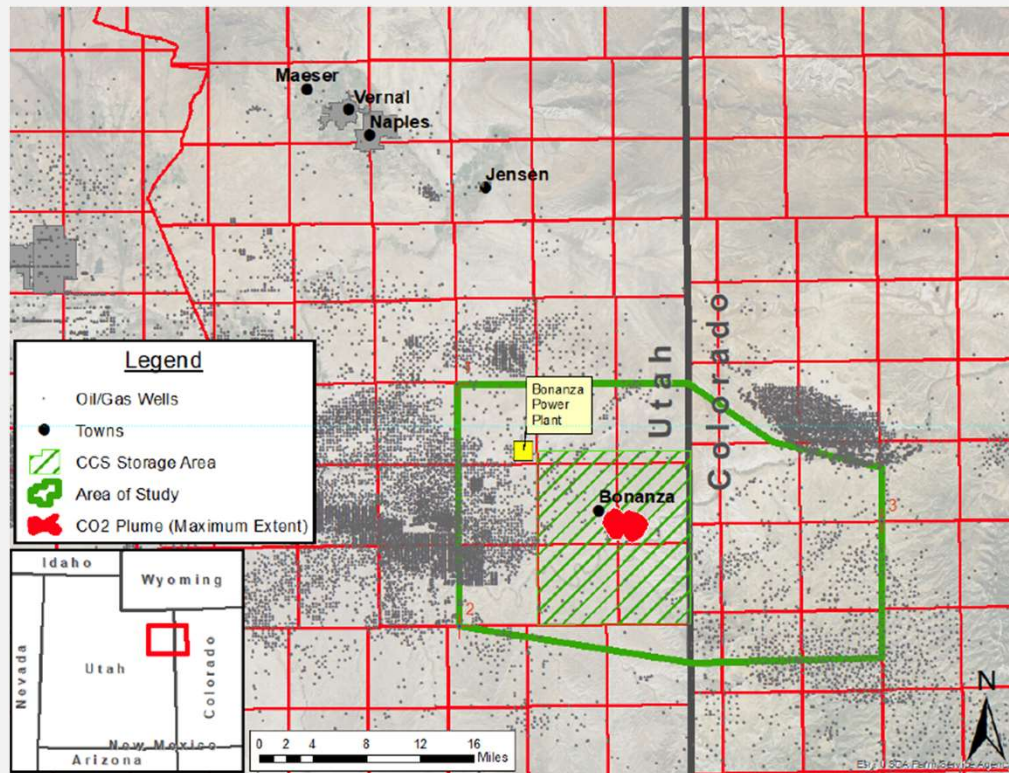
- General stratigraphy from Hintze (1992)
- Approximate Depths of individual formations and gamma log from well API # 43-047-10916

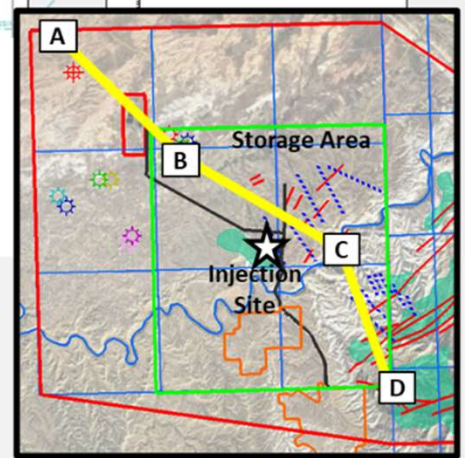
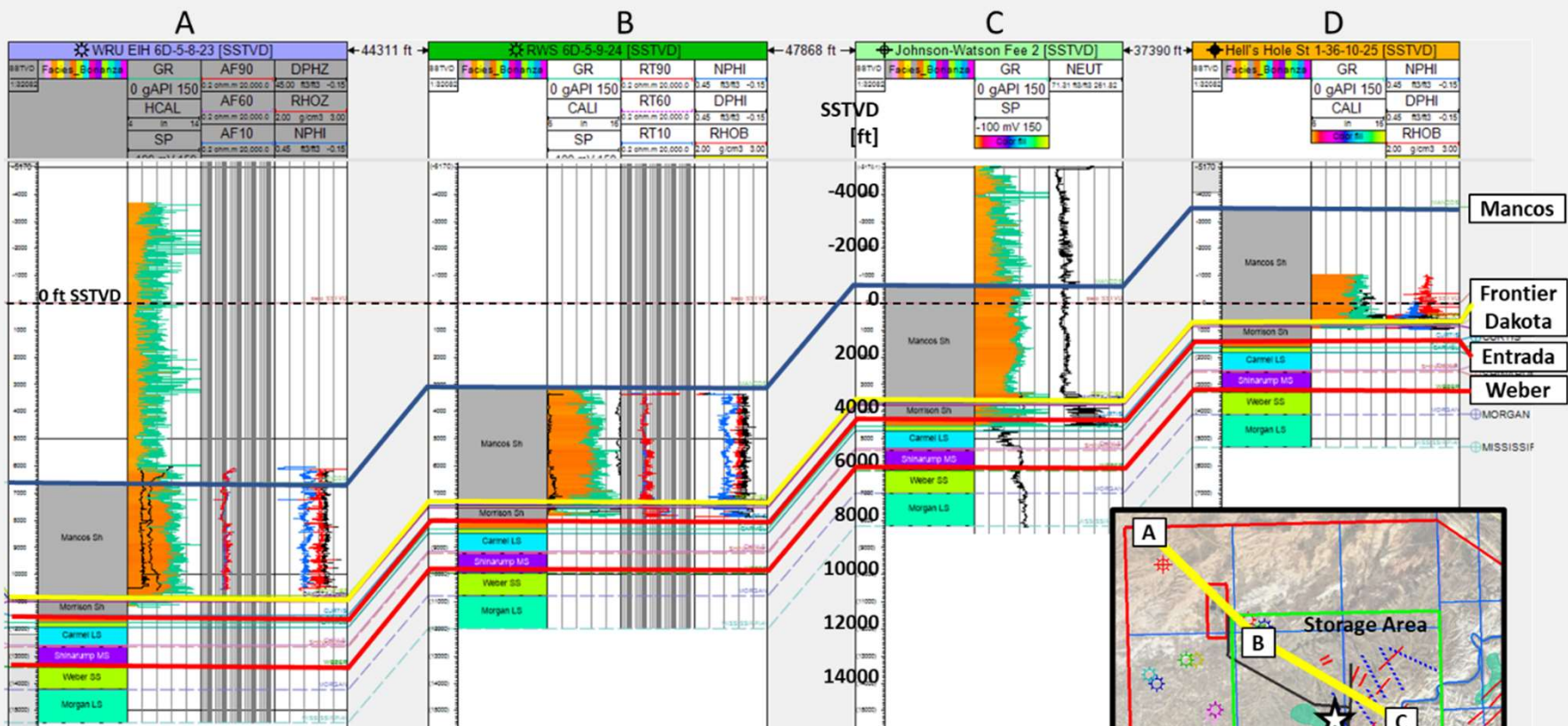


## Stratigraphic sequence with depth and thickness at the Johnson Watson-2

Reservoir	Formation Tops	Depth [ft]	Thickness [ft]
Oil and Gas	GREEN RIVER	0	1130
Oil and Gas	WASATCH	1130	1100
Oil and Gas	MESA VERDE	2230	2193
Seal	MANCOS	4423	4156
Primary CCS Reservoir	FRONTIER	8579	49
	FRONTIER - LOWER	8628	13
	Tununk (Juana Lopez) MS	8641	71
	DAKOTA-Upper	8712	40
	DAKOTA-Lower	8752	52
	CEDAR MOUNTAIN	8804	84
	Buckhorn Cg	8888	79
Seal	MORRISON	8967	527
	CURTIS	9494	84
CCS Reservoir	ENTRADA	9578	172
Seal	CARMEL	9750	62
	CHINLE	9812	593
	MOENKOPI/ CITY	10405	808
CCS Reservoir	WEBER	11213	800
Seal	MORGAN	12013	1240
	MISSISSIPPIAN	13253	

# Preliminary Regional Analysis





- Mancos
- Frontier Dakota
- Entrada
- Weber
- MORGAN
- MISSISSIP



