

# CarbonSAFE Wyoming: Integrated Commercial Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS) Prefeasibility Study at Dry Fork Station, Wyoming



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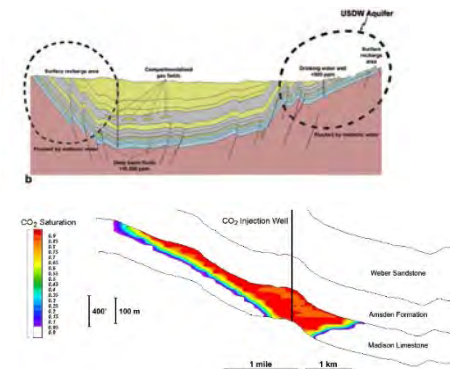
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Technology Innovation, Partnerships and  
Collaboration



## Project Overview: Goals and Objectives

### Identify (Economic) Saline Storage proximal to the Dry Fork Power Station

- “Establish a CCS Coordination Team”
- “Develop a Plan to Address Challenges of a Commercial-Scale CCS Project”
- “High Level Technical Sub-Basinal Evaluation and CO<sub>2</sub> Source Assessment”



## Meet the team

- *University of Wyoming's (UW) Carbon Management Institute*
- *Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Dry Fork Station)*
- *Wyoming Infrastructure Authority (WIA)/ ITC*
- *Energy & Environmental Research Center (EERC)*
- *Advanced Resources International, Inc. (ARI)*
- *Wyoming Municipal Power*
- *Office of the Wyoming Governor*
- *UW's Enhanced Oil Recovery Institute (EORI)*
- *UW's Center for Energy Economics & Public Policy*
- *UW's College of Law*
- *Schlumberger*
- *KKR*
- *Carbon GeoCycle*



Team members at Dry Fork Station





# CarbonSAFE Dry Fork: Primary CO<sub>2</sub> Source

- Dry Fork Station (Basin Electric Power Coop)
- Wyoming Integrated Test Center (WY-ITC)

## Dry Fork Station

- ✓ Built in 2007
- ✓ 385 MW Power Plant
- ✓ 3.3 Million tons of CO<sub>2</sub>/year



## WY-ITC

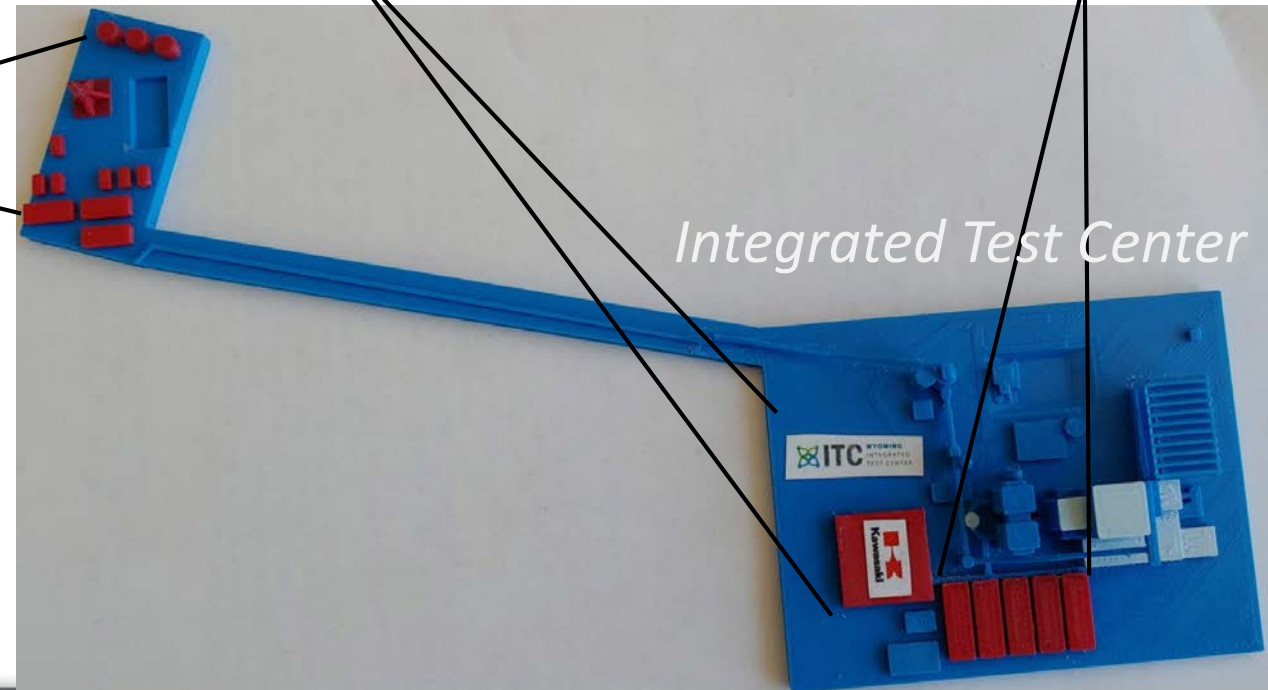
- ✓ Completed fall 2017
- ✓ Test CO<sub>2</sub> capture/CCUS technologies
- ✓ \$20 Million public/private investment
- ✓ NRG COSIA Carbon XPRIZE (\$20M global competition to develop breakthrough technologies for CO<sub>2</sub> emissions)



# Synergies with the Wyoming Integrated Test Center



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Phase II





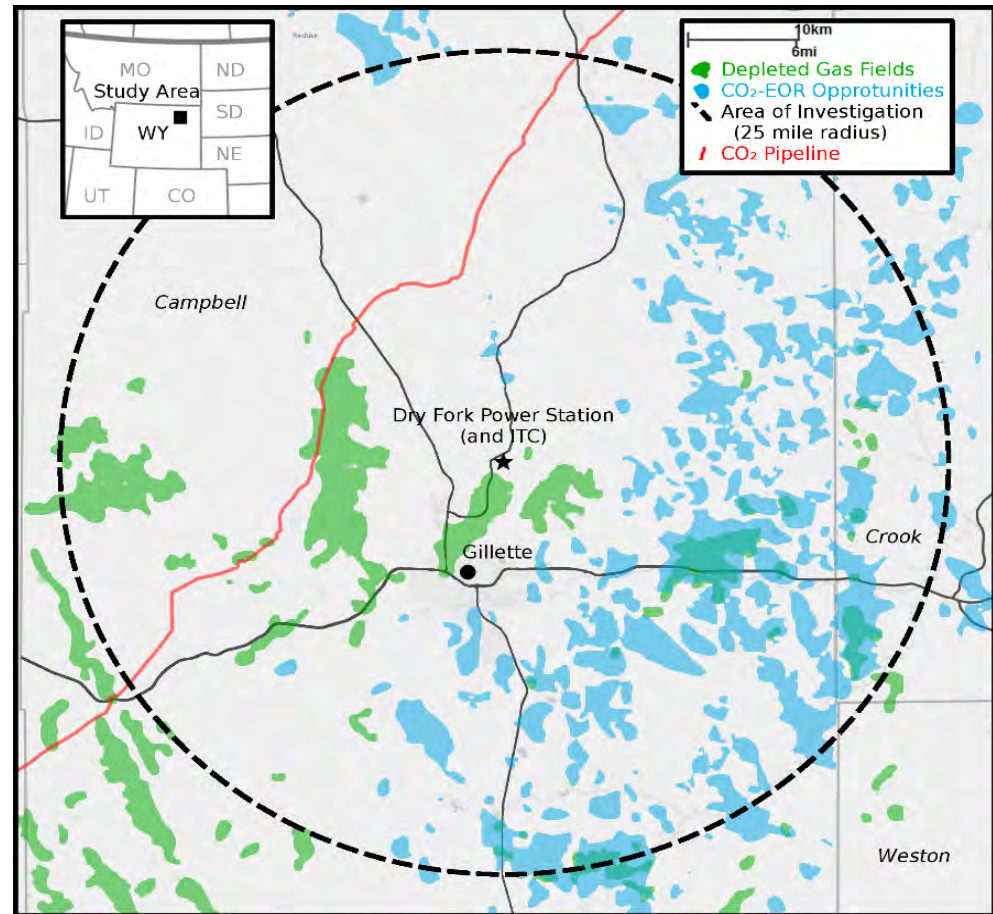
## Project scenario:

### *Storage*

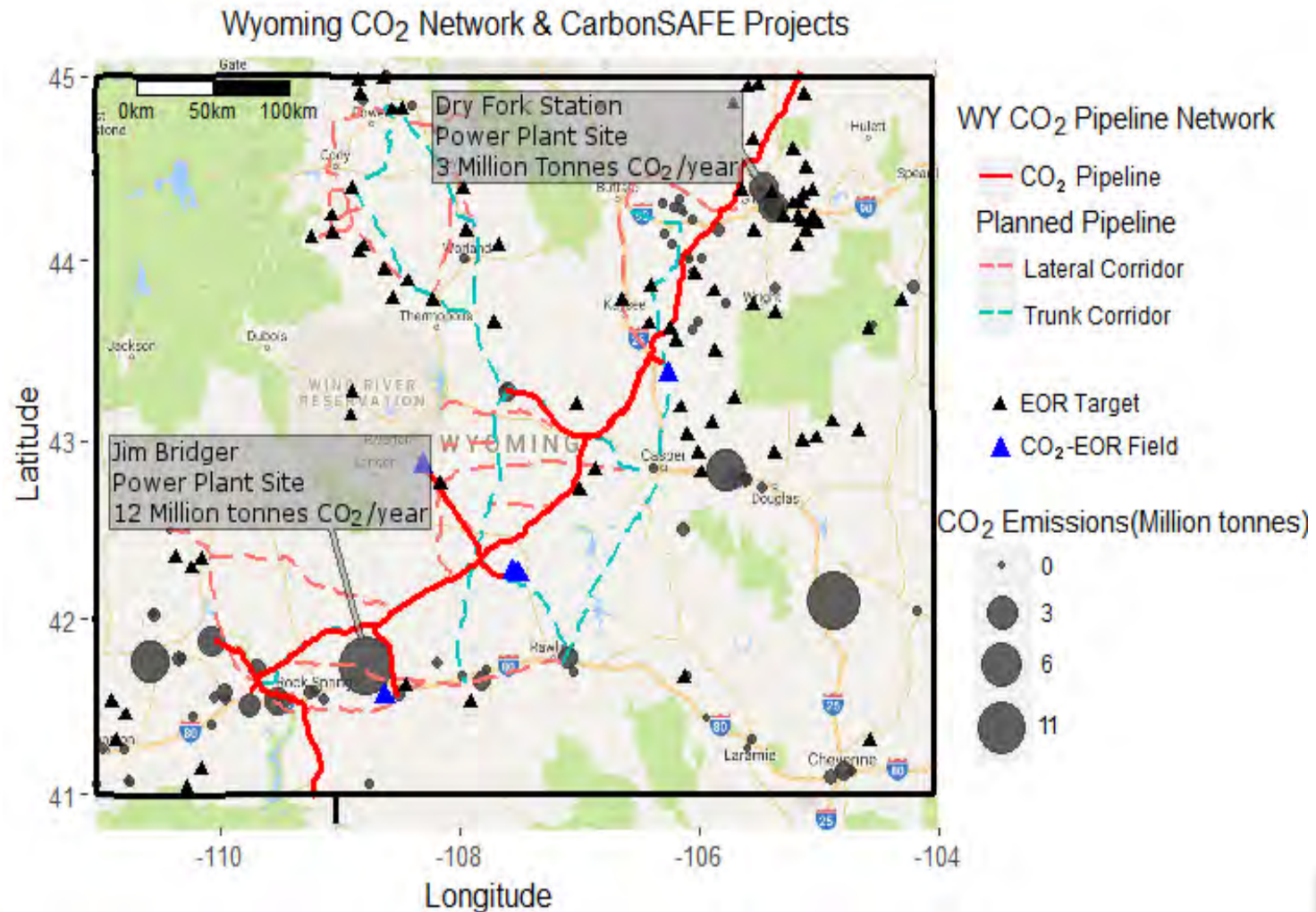
- Saline reservoirs
- CO<sub>2</sub>-EOR opportunities
- Depleted gas fields

### *Favorable Economics*

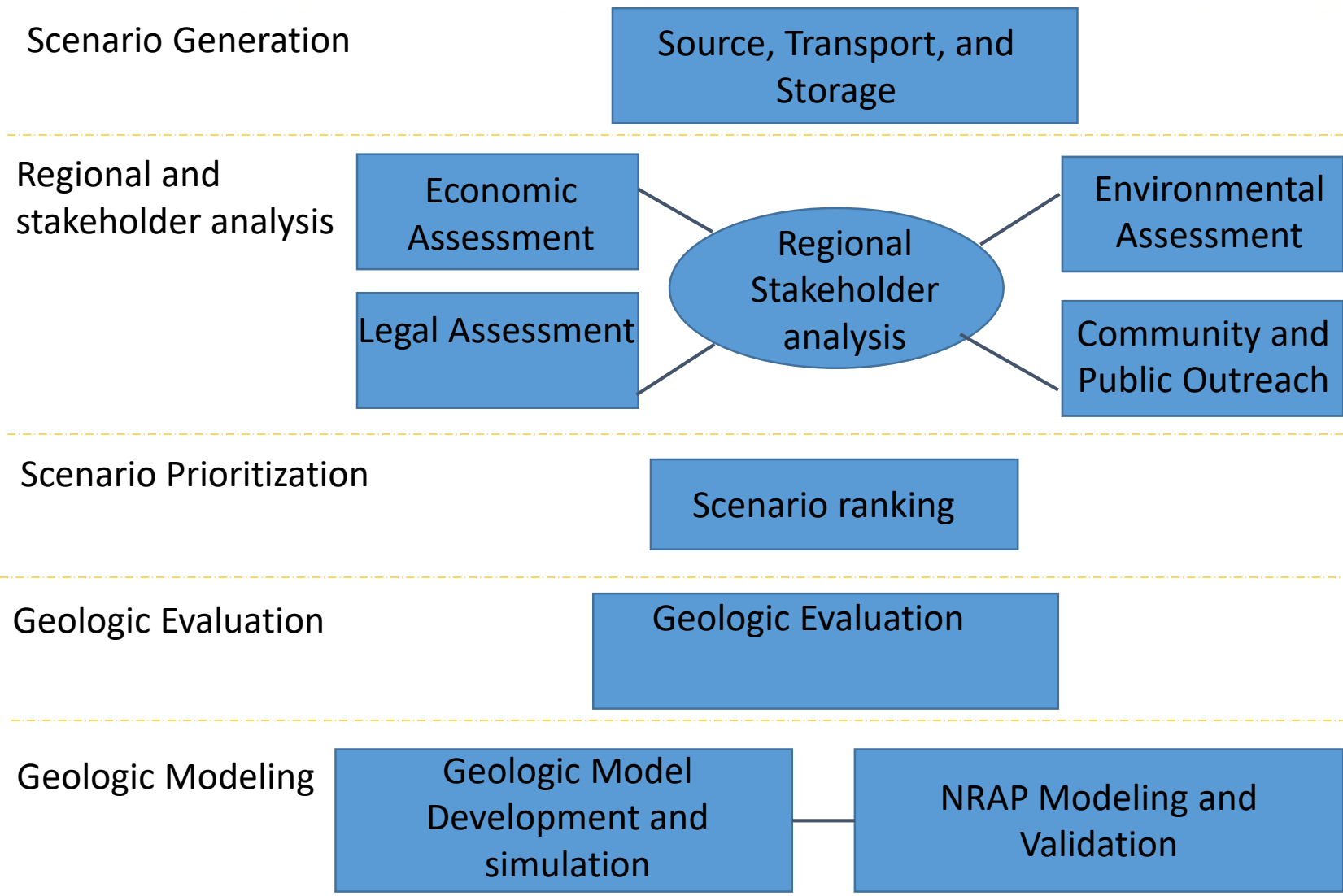
- Co-location of coal supplies  
CO<sub>2</sub> source, CO<sub>2</sub> transport,  
EOR, and CO<sub>2</sub> storage  
opportunities
- ITC
- Use of existing pipelines for  
utilization off-site



# Synergies: CarbonSAFE Prefeasibility Phase I

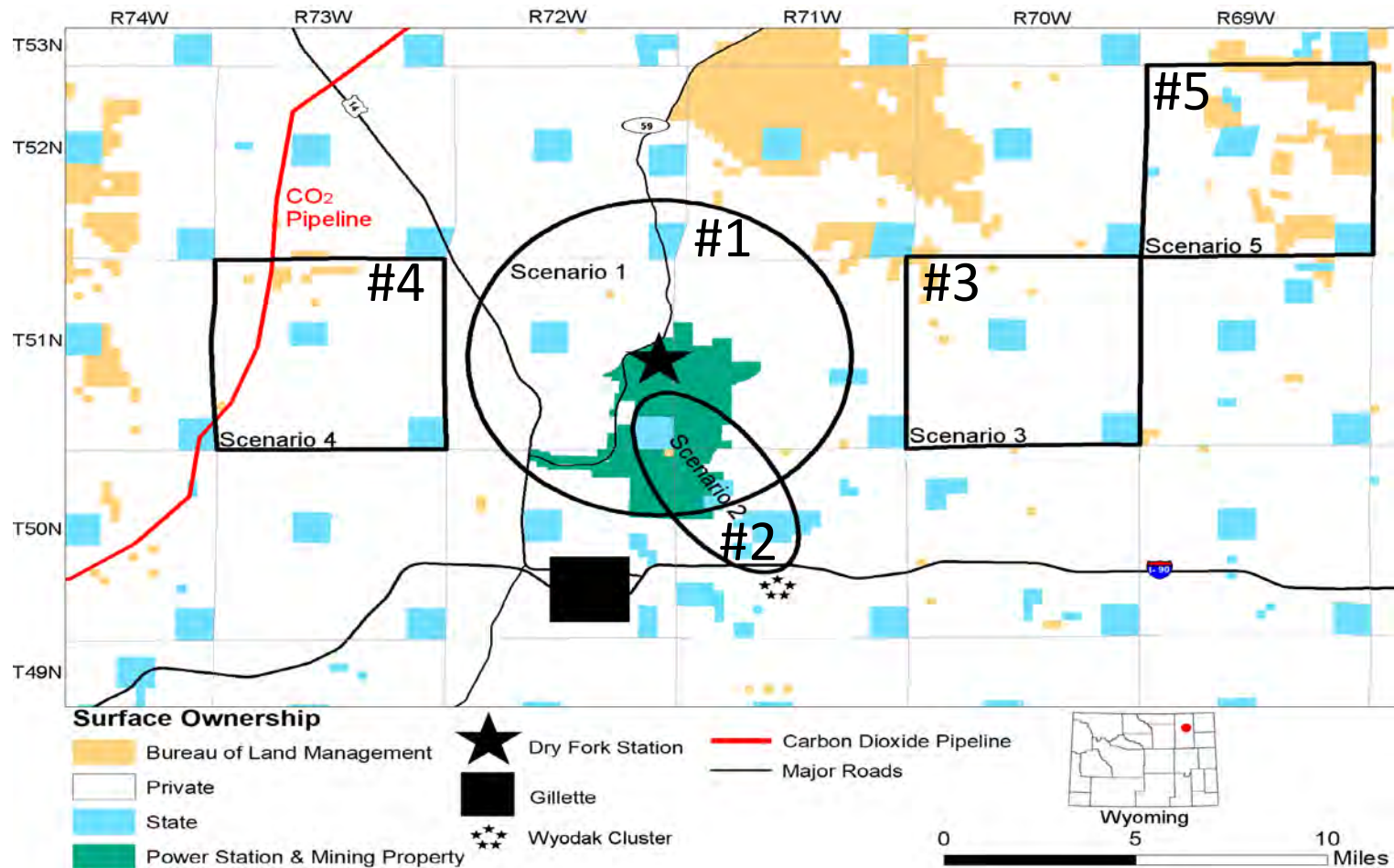


# Dry Fork Prefeasibility Project Map and Methodology





## Scenario Generation



# Summary Regional and Stakeholder Analysis – Phase 1

## Environmental Analysis

- ✓ Protected Species
- ✓ Migration Corridors
- ✓ Wetlands and streams
- ✓ Groundwater
- ✓ Air Quality
- ✓ Protected Areas
- ✓ Cultural Resources
- ✓ Population Centers
- ✓ Slope Stability

## Economic modeling

- ✓ Commercial project costs (CAPEX and OPEX)
- ✓ Revenue sources
- ✓ Infrastructure costs for future project phases (Various well types and the 3-D seismic survey)

## Public Outreach

- ✓ Wyoming State Agencies (WDEQ, WOGCC)
- ✓ Gov. Mead's Office, State and local representatives
- ✓ Public outreach plan

## Ownership

- ✓ Pore Space ownership
- ✓ Mineral Ownership
- ✓ Land Surface Ownership

## Legal Analysis

- ✓ Review of Wyoming CCUS laws





# Geologic Evaluation: Geologic Reservoir Candidates

*Muddy*



*Dakota and Lakota*



*Lower Sundance*

Cliff-forming Hulett sandstone



*Minnelusa*





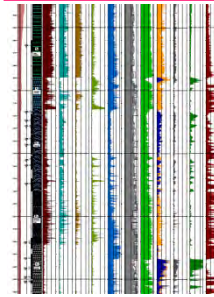
# Geologic Evaluation preformed in – Phase 1

- Refine and rank the source, storage and transportation scenarios
- Collect core, outcrop, log and fluid data to inform geologic models and sealing capacity
- Wellbore analysis to determine seal integrity
- Begin/refine geologic modeling for each of the identified scenarios
- Define storage potential for the highest priority reservoirs
- Determine the extent of the CO<sub>2</sub> and pressure plume

**Field Work**



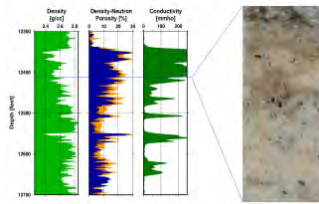
**Log Analysis**



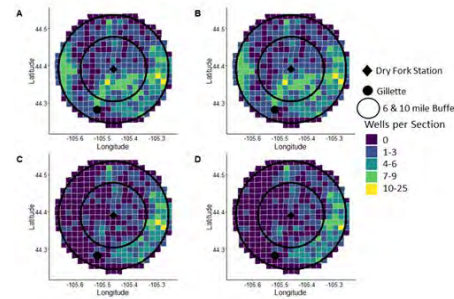
**Core Analysis**



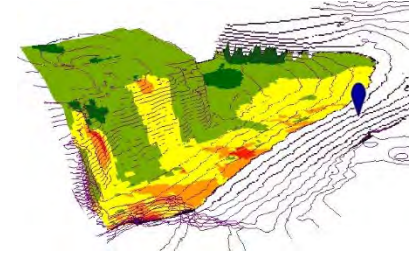
**Petrographic Study**



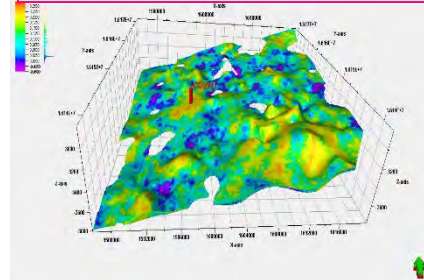
**Wellbore Analysis**



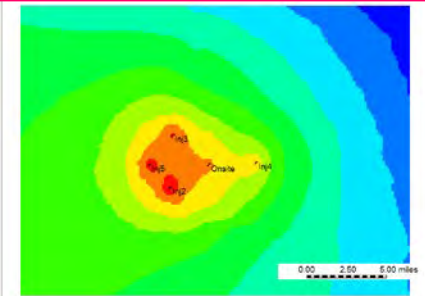
**Hydrostratigraphy**



**Property Modeling**



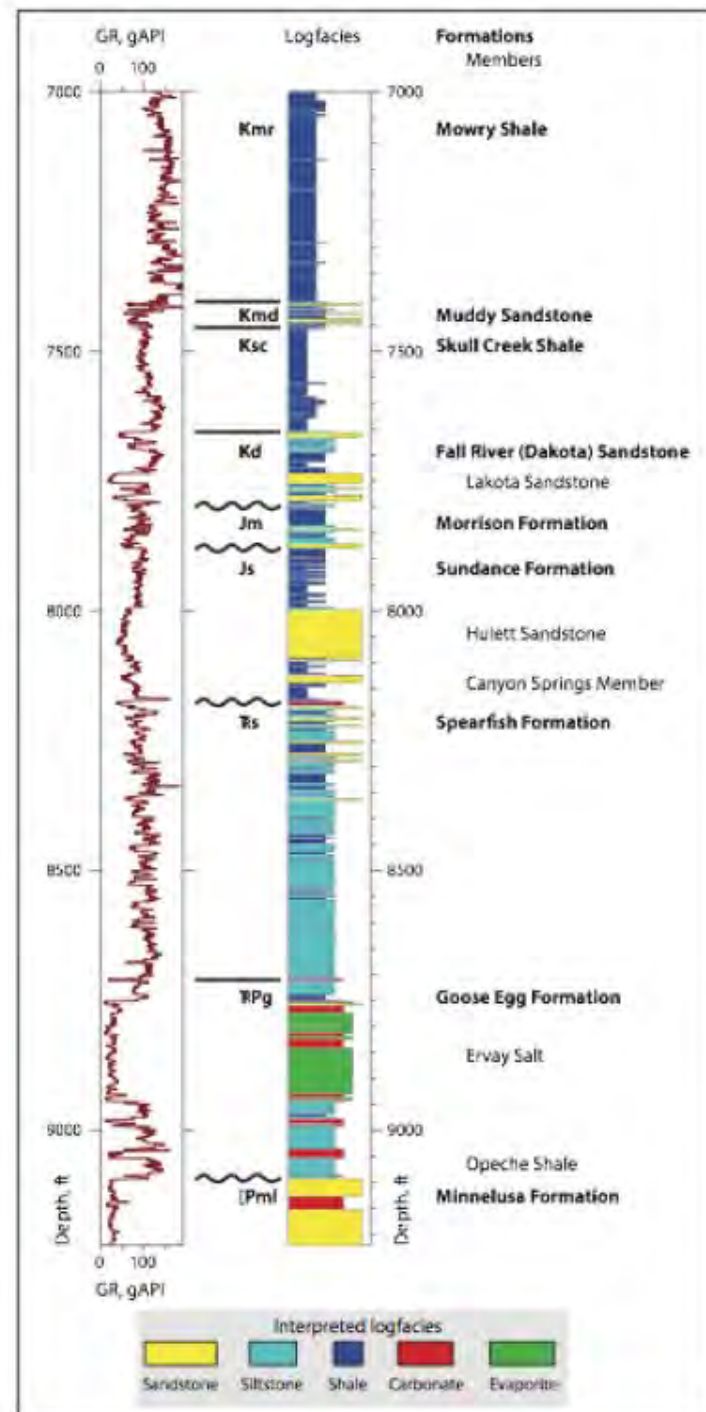
**Numerical Simulation**





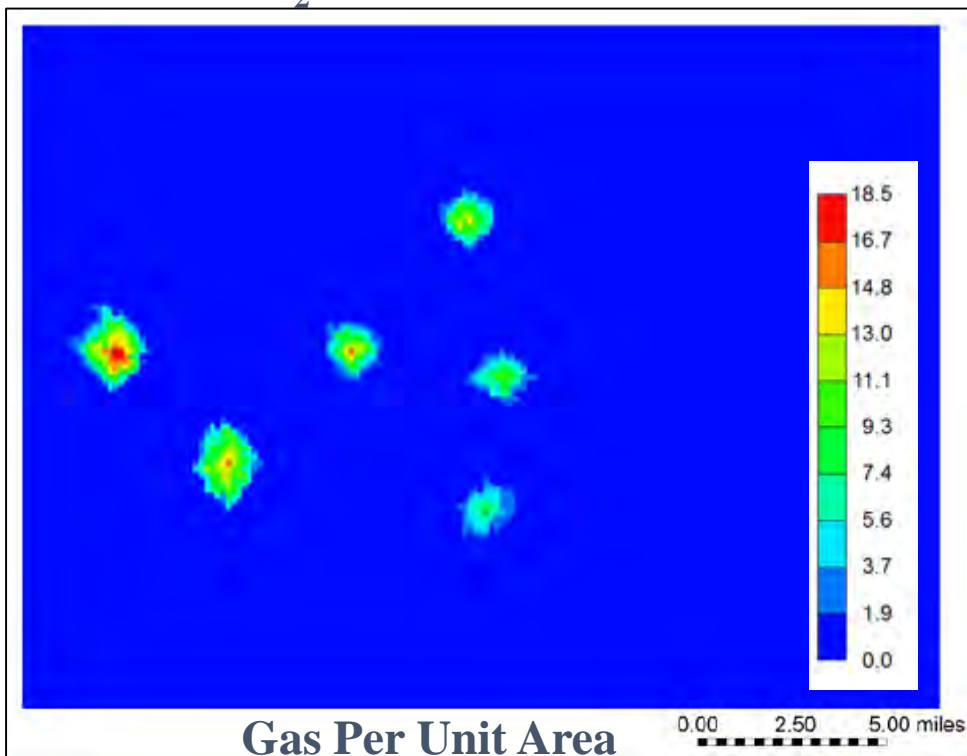
## Storage Capacity Estimates

Target Formation	$\Phi_{avg}$ (%)	$k_{avg}$ (mD)	Average Thickness (ft)	Storage Volume (Mt/mi <sup>2</sup> )		
				P10	P50	P90
Minnelusa	13%	44	150	0.84	1.6	2.7
Lwr. Sundance	10%	220	110	0.47	0.89	1.5
Lakota/Fall River	15%	100	70	0.45	0.85	1.5
Muddy	9%	0.05	10	0.04	0.07	0.1
<b>Total</b>				<b>1.8</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>5.8</b>

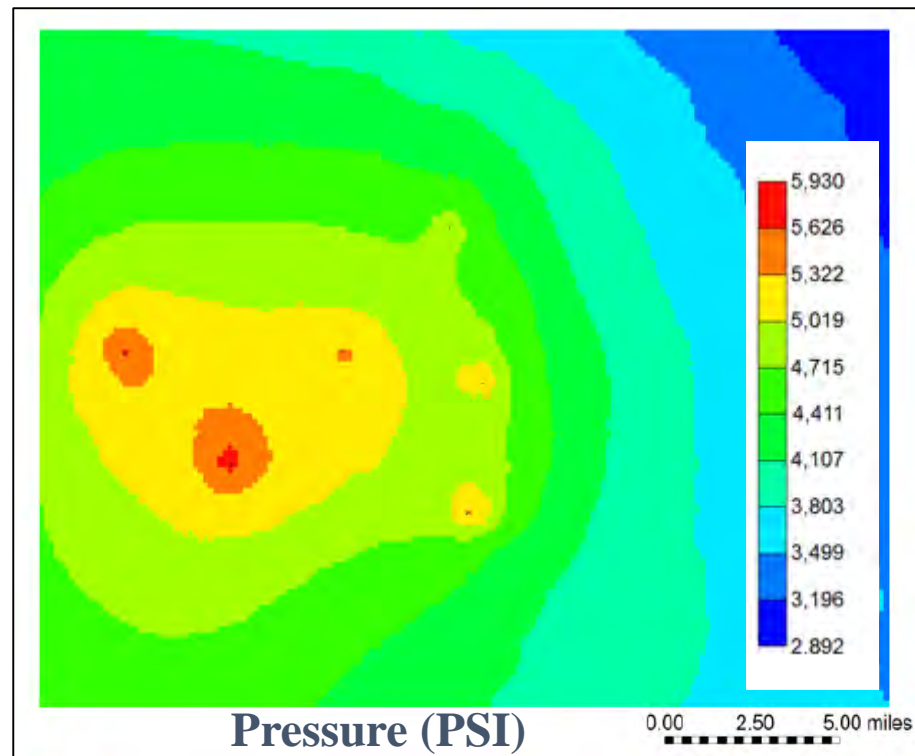


## Injection Models: 50Mt in 25 years (6 Vertical Injectors)

CO<sub>2</sub> Saturation



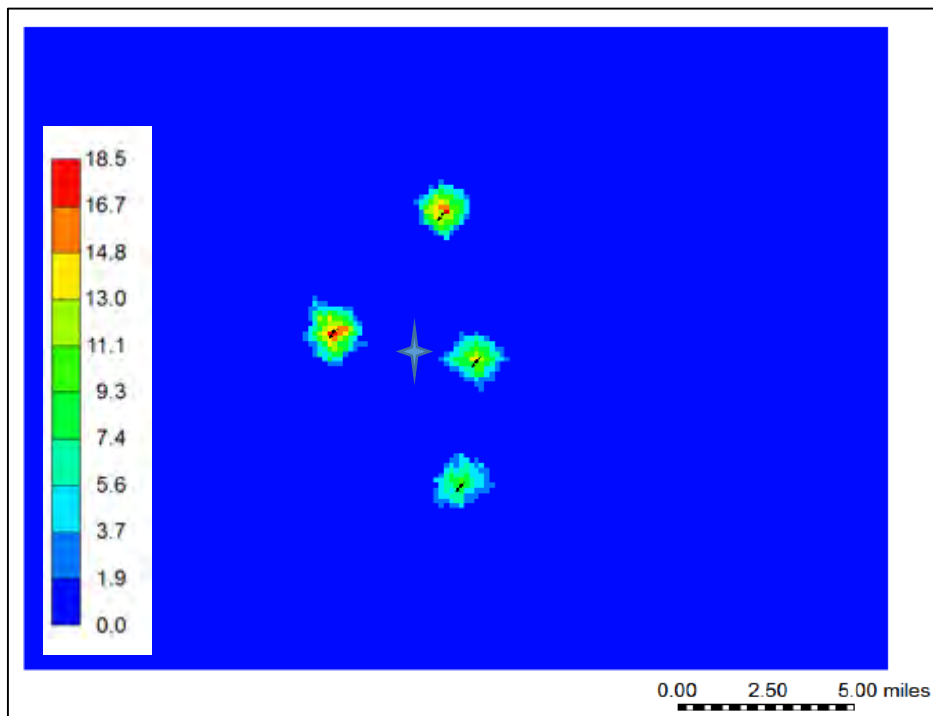
Pressure Plume





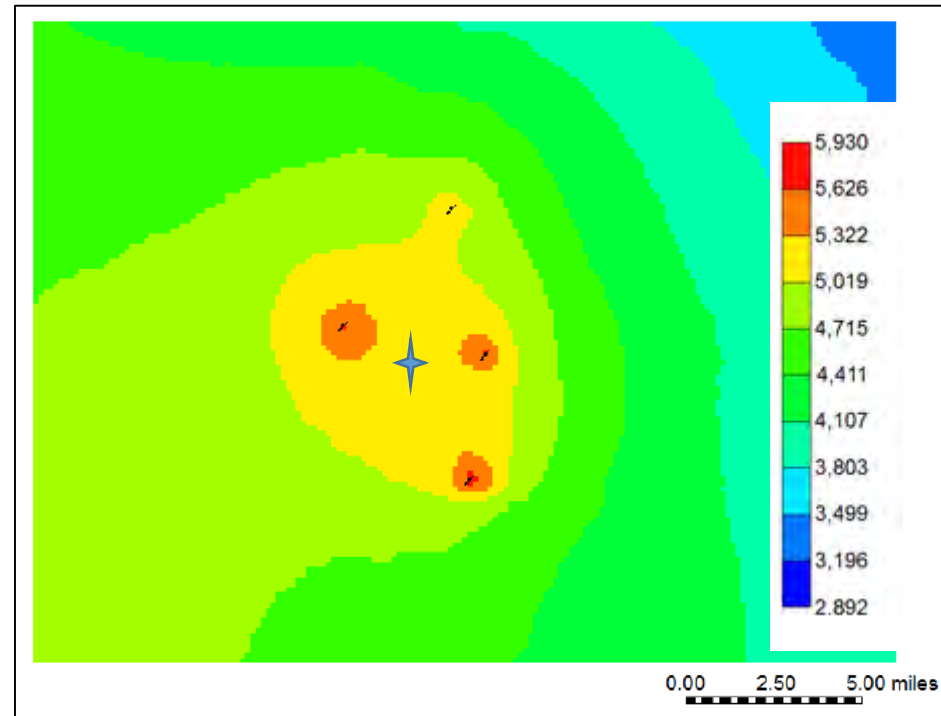
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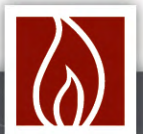


Gas Per Unit Area

Pressure Plume

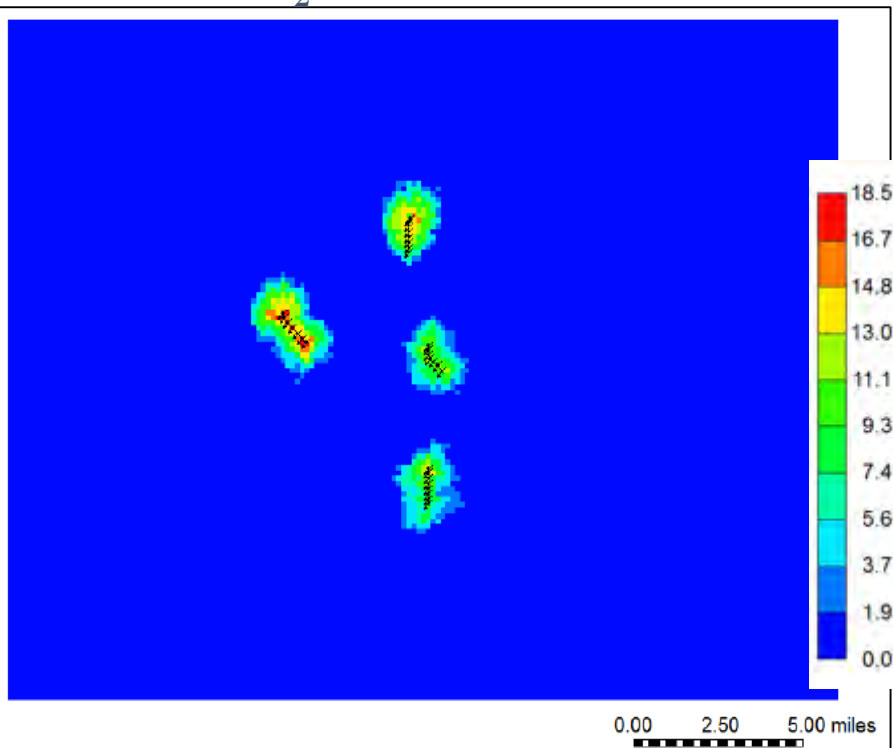


Pressure (PSI)



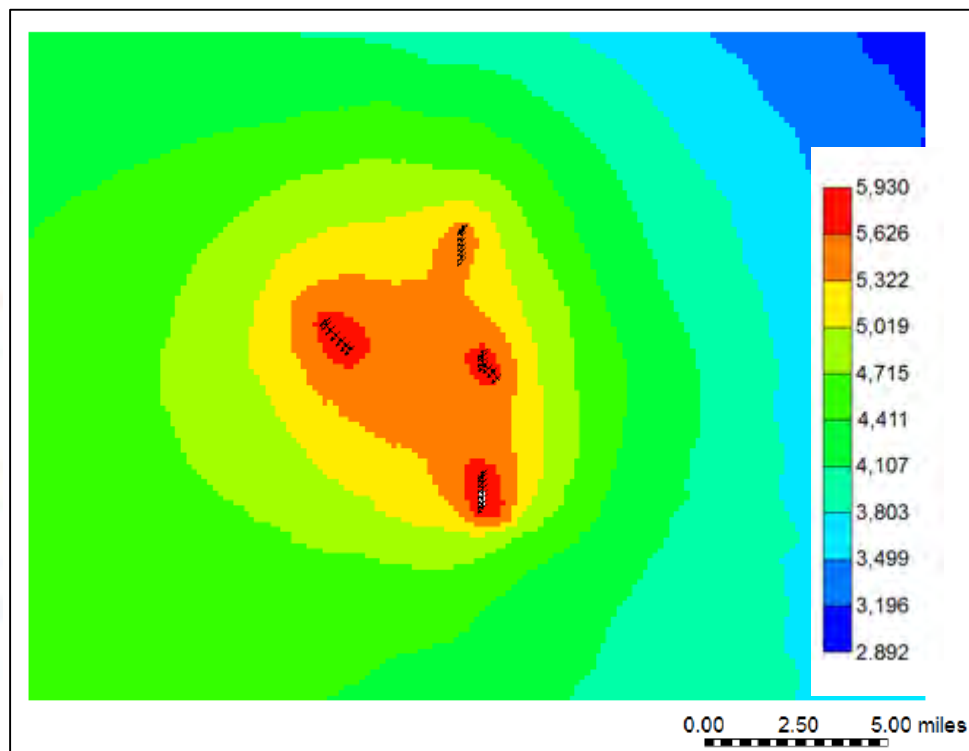
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CO<sub>2</sub> Saturation



Gas Per Unit Area

Pressure Plume

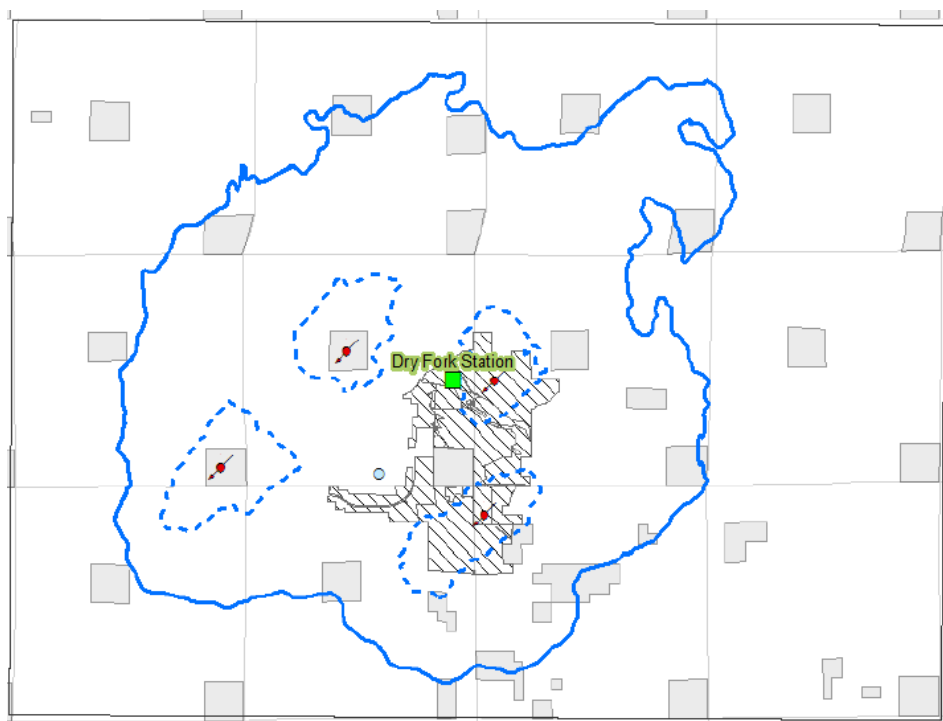


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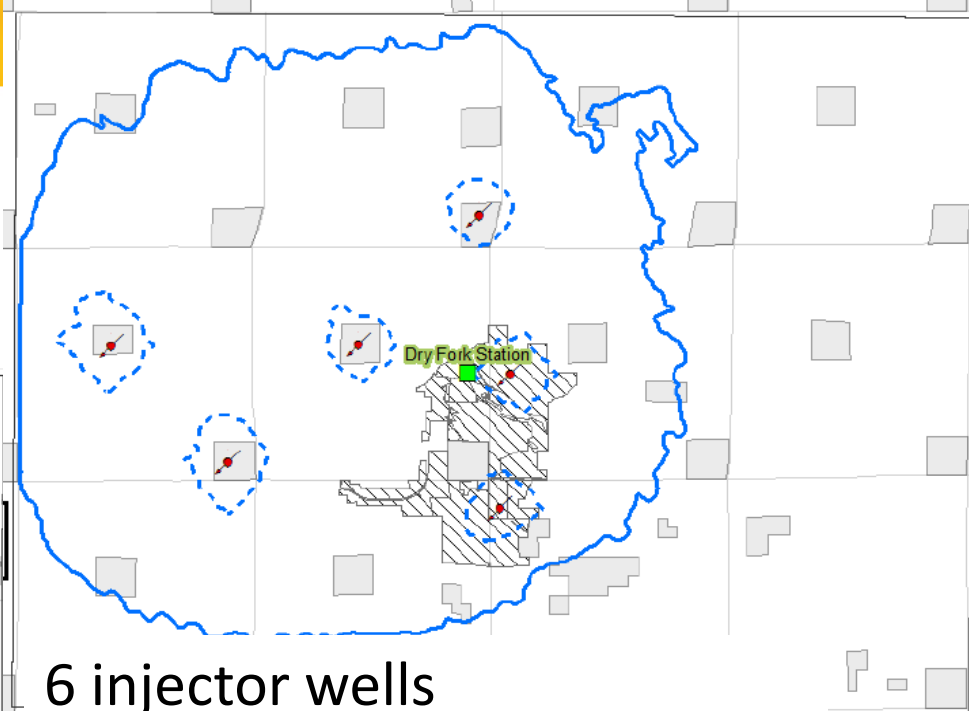




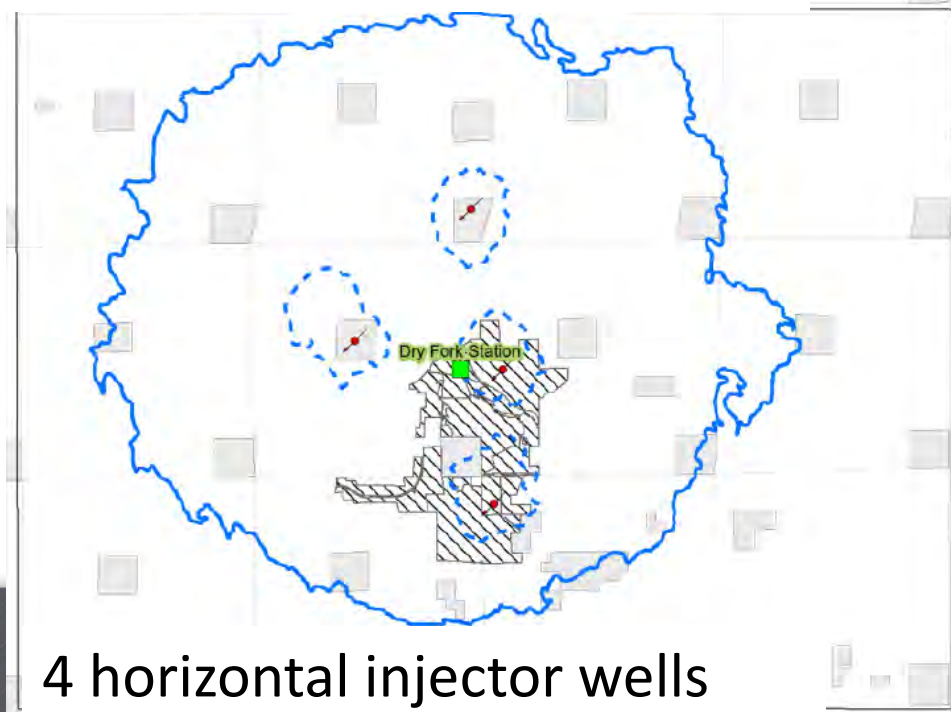
# AOR Determinations: Minnelusa



4 injector wells, 1 brine  
extraction



6 injector wells

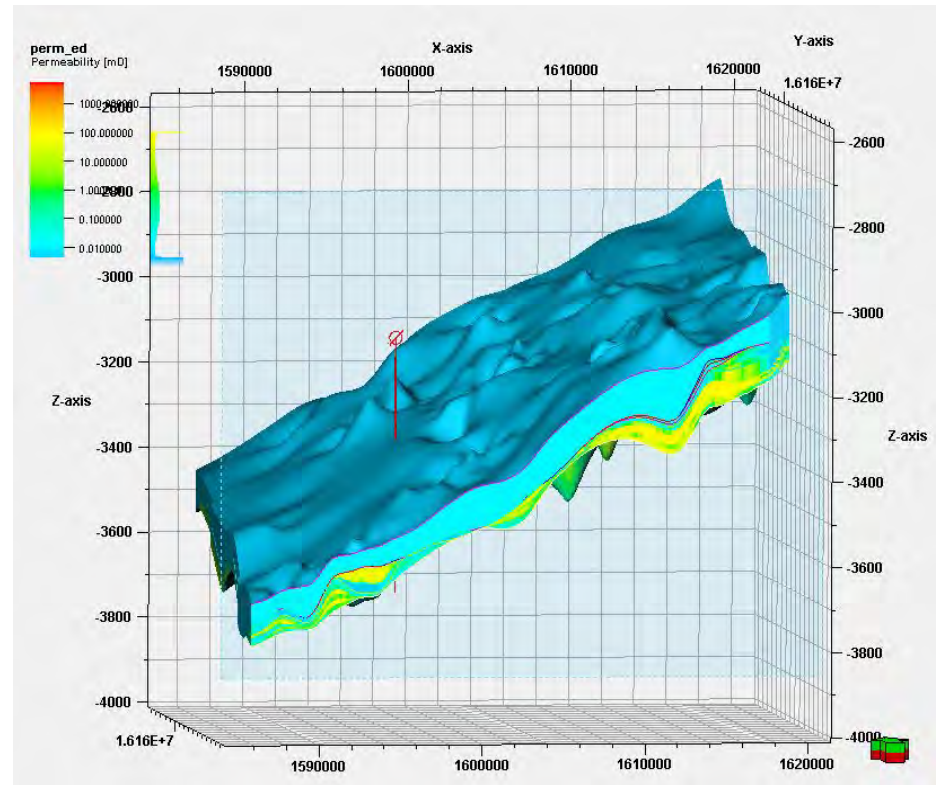


4 horizontal injector wells

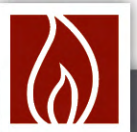
## Proxy Property Modeling of the Minnelusa Formation

The property model:

- T52 N and R69 W (6x6 miles)
- Depth from 6982 to 7837 ft
- Opeche Shale Seal
- Minnelusa Formation: 7 stratigraphic intervals within the Minnelusa
- B Sand primary target
- One CO<sub>2</sub> injection well.



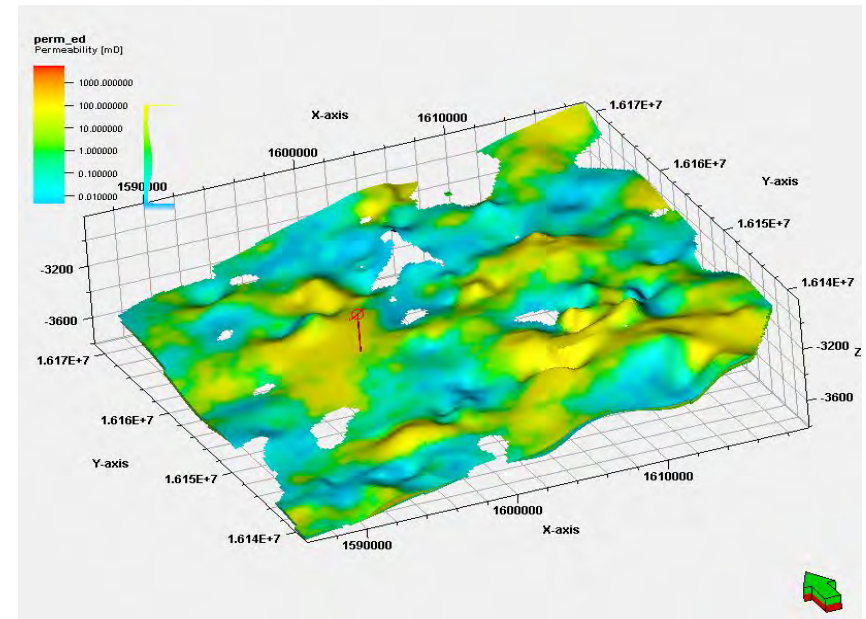
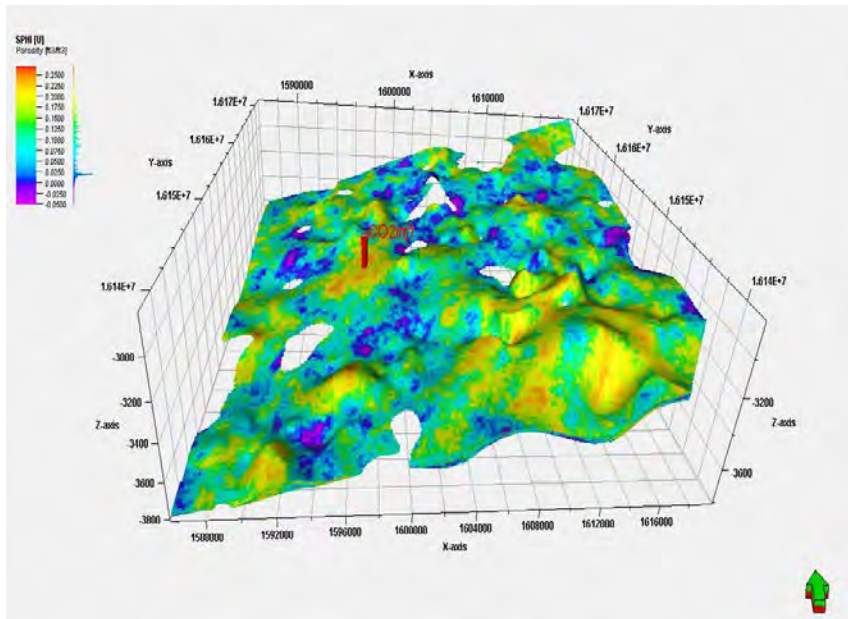
- Correlations: S. Fryberger and N. Jones
- Permeability (perm pore function): using Jiao et al., 2013
- Grid cells: is 451,584 (168x168x16), and X&Y:200 ft and Z=10 ft



## Porosity and Permeability Distributions of Minnelusa B Sandstone

The porosity of B sandstone ranges from 0.01% to 27% with mean of 11%

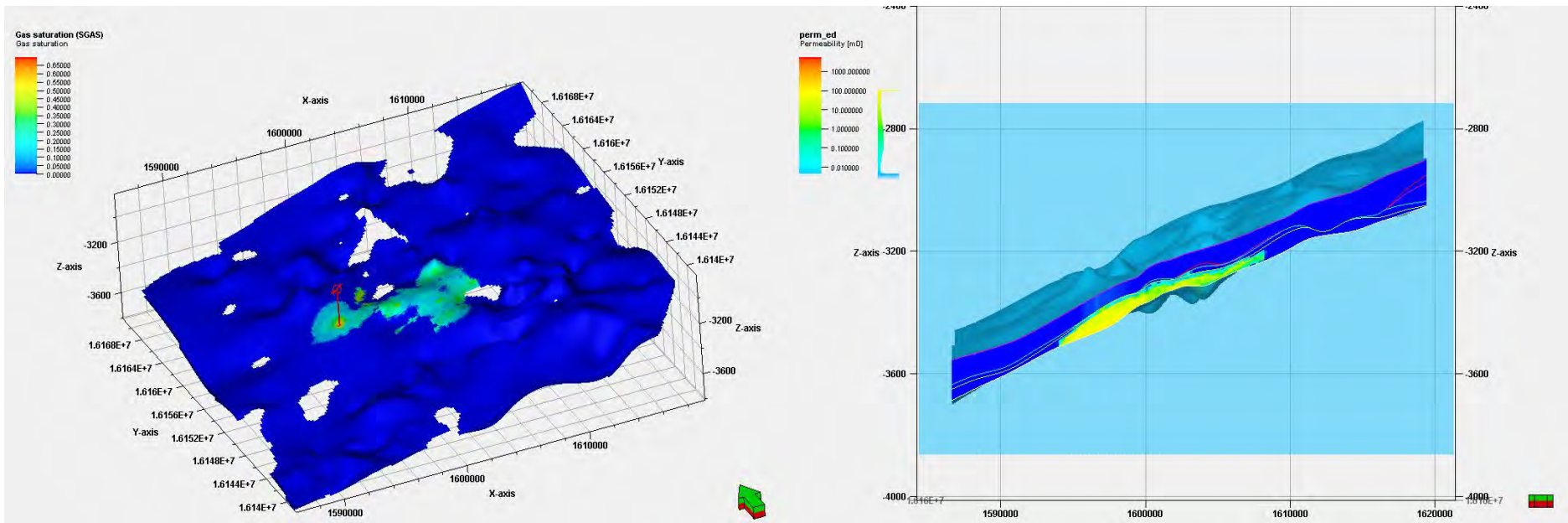
The permeability of B sandstone ranges from 0.004 to 100 mD with mean of 15.7 mD





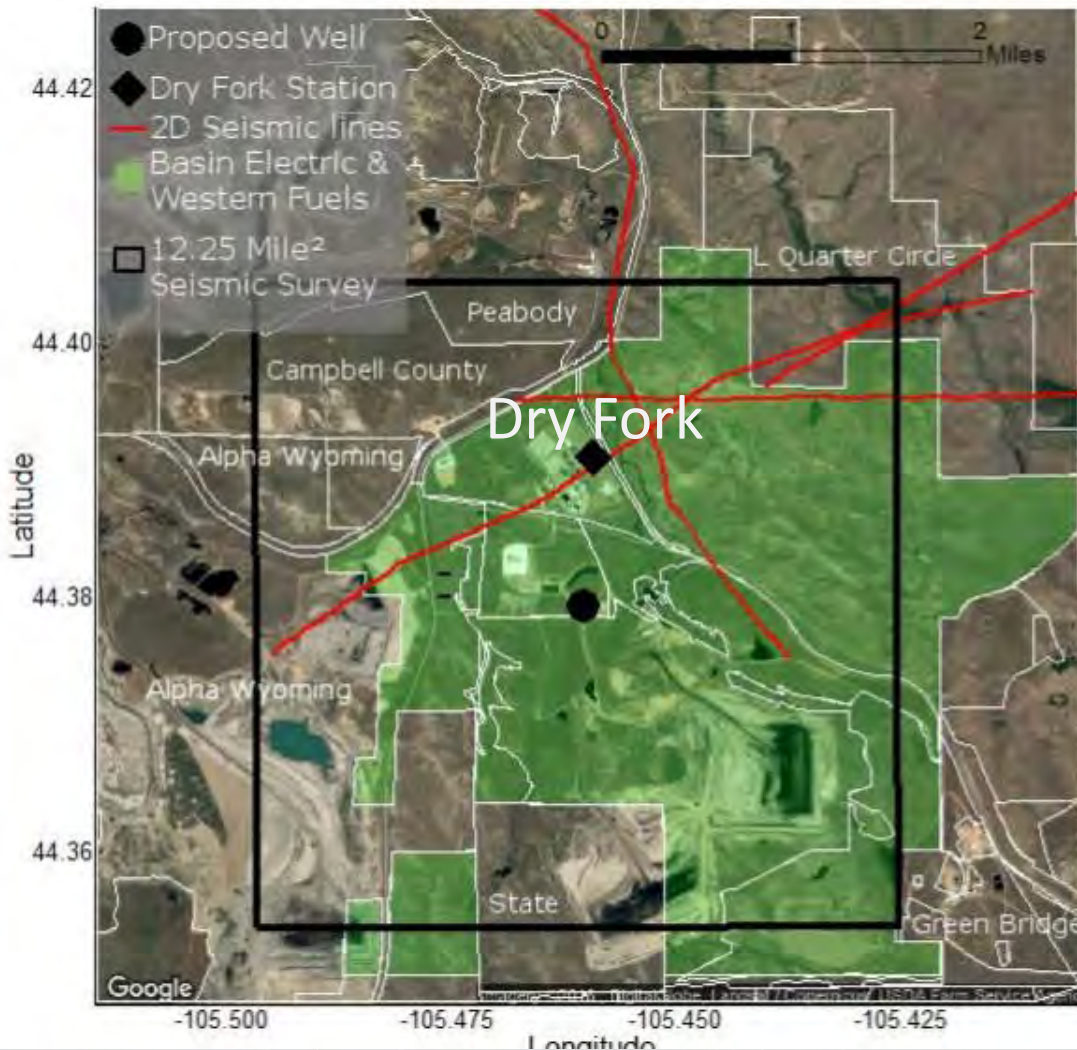
## CO<sub>2</sub> Injection to B Sandstone

- CO<sub>2</sub> plume after **25 year injection**
- The farthest front of the **CO<sub>2</sub> plume** from the injection well is **1.5 miles**.
- The injected CO<sub>2</sub> moved through **Upper B Dolostone** and reached the **bottom of the Opeche Shale (caprock)**.



# Next Steps: Storage Complex Feasibility

## Phase II



Age	Formation
Paleocene	Fort Union
Upper Cretaceous	Lance
	Fox Hills Sandstone
	Pierre (Lewis) Shale
	Niobrara Shale
	Carlile Shale
	Belle Fourche Shale
	Mowry Shale
Lower Cretaceous	Muddy Sandstone
	Skull Creek Shale
	Fall River (Dakota)
	Lakota
Jurassic	Morrison
	Upper Sundance
	Lower Sundance
	Gypsum Spring
Triassic	Spearfish
Permian	Opeche (Goose Egg)
Pennsylvanian	Minnelusa
Mississippian	Madison





# Prefeasibility Summary (Accomplishments)

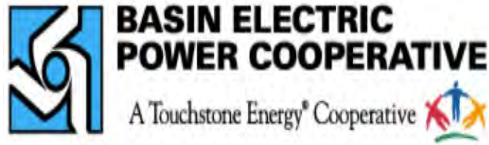
## Plan for Commercial Scale CCUS

- ✓ **Capable Coordination team:** Experienced and diverse coordination team (Academia, Industry and Regulatory)
- ✓ **CO<sub>2</sub> Source:** Engaged Industry Partner- Coal fired power plant and the ITC CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Utilization test facility
- ✓ **CO<sub>2</sub> Transport:** Minimal transport, but existing statewide CO<sub>2</sub> pipeline and pipeline ROW's
- ✓ **Saline Storage:** World class geologic reservoirs for storage
- ✓ **Pore Space Ownership:** Industry partner owns the pore space
- ✓ **Regulatory:** CCUS friendly regulatory environment, pending Application for WY Class VI primacy
- ✓ **Induced seismicity:** Low risk of induced seismicity
- ✓ **Public Acceptance:** This is coal country!
- ✓ **Favorable Economics:** Proximal EOR and CO<sub>2</sub> transport opportunity

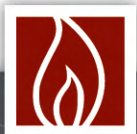




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# Project Gantt Chart

Timeline		Task Dependency						2017												2018					
Task	Description	1	2	3	4	5	6	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J
<b>1</b>	<b>Project Management and Planning</b>																								
1.1	Project management plan																								
1.2	Reporting																								
1.3	Project management																								
1.4	Collaborative meetings																								
1.5	Kick-off meeting																								
1.6	Outreach to potential DFCT members																								
<b>2</b>	<b>Scenarios Generation</b>																								
2.1	Source & Transport Component Generation	x																							
2.2	Storage Component Generation	x																							
2.3	Scenario Component Combination and Screening	x																							
2.4	Scenario Prioritization	x		x	x	x	x																		
<b>3</b>	<b>Regional and Stakeholder Analysis</b>																								
3.1	Economic assessment	x	x																						
3.2	Legal Assessment	x	x																						
3.3	Environmental Assessment	x	x																						
3.4	Community and public outreach/assessment	x	x																						
<b>4</b>	<b>Geologic Evaluation</b>																								
4.1	Development of borehole catalog and risk assessment.	x	x																						
4.2	Subsurface Description	x	x																						
4.3	Hydrostratigraphy Description	x	x																						
4.4	Geophysical Description	x	x																						
<b>5</b>	<b>Geologic Model Development and Simulation</b>																								
5.1	Geocellular Modeling	x			x																				
5.2	Numerical Simulation	x			x																				
5.3	Identification of Future Characterization Activities	x	x	x	x		x																		
<b>6</b>	<b>NRAP Modeling and Validation</b>																								
6.1	NRAP Modeling	x			x																				
6.2	NRAP Comparison	x			x	x																			





# Organization Chart



**Figure 1.** Organization Chart

