

Berland Sub-regional Plan

Coal

Alberta's coal sector is primarily focused on export markets, producing both thermal coal for power generation and metallurgical coal for steelmaking. Metallurgical coal resources occur within the Berland sub-region. Although some areas within the Berland sub-region have approved coal exploration programs, there are no active coal mines currently operating in the sub-region.

Coal industry modernization initiative

Coal exploration and development will be managed in accordance with the Government of Alberta's coal development policy, including direction from the Coal Industry Modernization Initiative, which is currently underway to modernize Alberta's legislative framework on coal resource management.

Coal facts

- Coal tenure covers approximately 6.4% of the Berland sub-region.
- Existing provincial requirements continue to guide all coal activities on public land.
- The Coal Industry Modernization Initiative will clarify where and how new coal extraction may occur in the future.

Did you know...

- Alberta's 1976 Coal Policy remains a key guiding document for coal project decisions.
- Coal development proposals must undergo rigorous environmental assessment and regulatory review.
- Restoration requirements under the sub-regional plan support long term landscape recovery following coal activities.