

# How Can I Help?

Even the smallest effort makes a huge difference!

- **Stay connected on social media**

Join the Facebook group, **Protect Alberta's Rockies and Headwaters**, and participate in discussions, see events, find facts and references, or to donate.

Facebook @albertansagainstcoal

Instagram @protectalbertarockies

- **Stay current on coal issues**

Visit the **Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society** to learn more about protecting our Eastern Slopes, how to get involved, or to donate.

[cpaws-southernalberta.org/conservation/coal-free-mine-alberta](http://cpaws-southernalberta.org/conservation/coal-free-mine-alberta)

- **Show local support**

Buy a Protect Our Water lawn sign and show your support for the Eastern Slopes.

[albertabeyondcoal.ca/lawn-sign](http://albertabeyondcoal.ca/lawn-sign)



- **Take action now, email and phone:**

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780-427-2251  
[premier@gov.ab.ca](mailto:premier@gov.ab.ca)

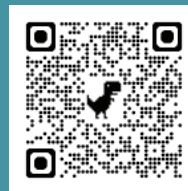
Brian Jean, Minister of Energy  
780-427-3740  
[minister.energy@gov.ab.ca](mailto:minister.energy@gov.ab.ca)

Ensure Govt attends to complaints, CC your emails to:

Sarah Elmeligi, NDP Shadow Minister  
Environment and Protected Area  
[Banff.Kananaskis@assembly.ab.ca](mailto:Banff.Kananaskis@assembly.ab.ca)

Include your local MLA by visiting  
[assembly.ab.ca/members](http://assembly.ab.ca/members)

Where Alberta's mountains and water are concerned, we are all in this together!



## Stay informed

Use this QR code to join over 15,000 individuals in sending emails to your representatives and add your name to the 600+ volunteers list!

## Chinook Water Alliance

Comprising 34 groups and individuals opposing coal mining in the Eastern Slopes.

Brochure funded by [miningactionnetwork.org](http://miningactionnetwork.org)  
Photo credit: Alberta Wilderness Association

# Coal or Water?

"Aohkii (water) is sacred. Water is the lifeblood of the earth. Water is what connects us to all life."

– Niitsitapi Water Protectors

Photo credit: David Thomas



## Economic Impact

Coal industry estimates of regional economic benefits are inflated. Recent steel-making innovations **do not use** metallurgical coal and are **3,600 times** more efficient.

A BC study of three mines over 20yrs stated that **coal projects only achieved 59 per cent of their original projected employment** and 34 per cent of predicted tax revenue.

Potential impact of water pollution on agri-business could impact thousands of jobs and **puts a \$14 Billion/yr industry at risk**. Over 45 pollutants, including selenium, threaten the wellbeing of our food system.

Agriculture is worth far more to Alberta than coal.  
*Clean water is beyond price.*



## Coal, Water and Health

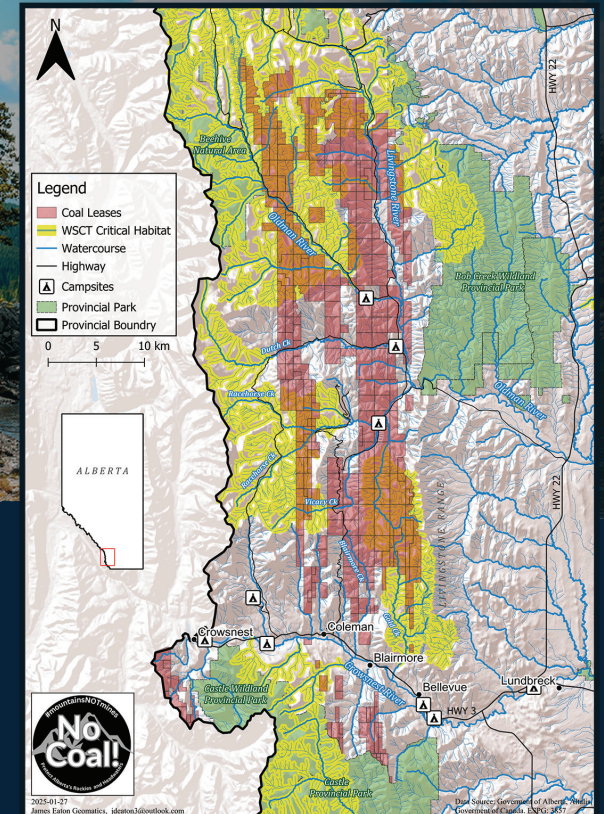
Coal mining is an extremely water-hungry industry. Southern Alberta is an arid region with high water demands, and currently **surface water is 20% over-allocated**. No new licences are available.

Despite this, the Oldman River watershed faces increasing demands for public and agriculture use, which are elevated by the current multi-year drought and an unknown future.

Spoil piles threaten to contaminate what water remains with **selenium**. While naturally occurring, and essential for life in minute amounts, selenium can rapidly bioaccumulate, **posing a risk for an increase in life-threatening ailments** for vegetation, livestock, wildlife, and **over 200,000 downstream residents**.

Even with current preventative removal technology, spoil piles still release selenium **at 10 times over safe limit** for fish and other aquatic life in BC's Elk River.

Inorganic selenate (a soluble form of selenium) taken up by plants will have **catastrophic implications** on irrigated farming and livestock production, putting the agri-business industry at risk.



## Recent History

Even though **69% of Albertans oppose new coal mining** and the Federal Govt and the Alberta Energy Regulator rejected 2021/22 Coal mining proposals, on January 20, 2025, Minister **Brian Jean unilaterally issued a Ministerial Order** allowing Alberta-wide coal exploration and development.

This is not about Politics;  
it's about *Health, Sustainability,*  
and *Economic Survival*