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# POWDER RIVER STUDY

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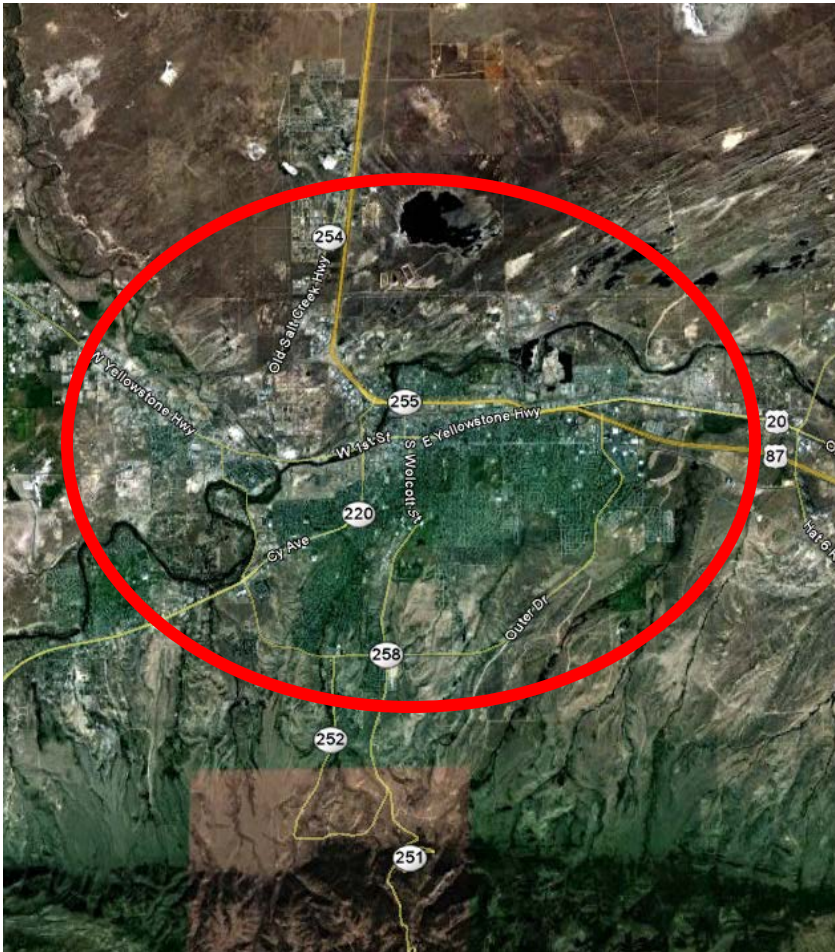
- Wyoming in the North
- A few customer-owned subs and lines in the North-East
- Majority of load in the Casper/Douglas area
- Glendo towards the South-East

## Powder River Study Info

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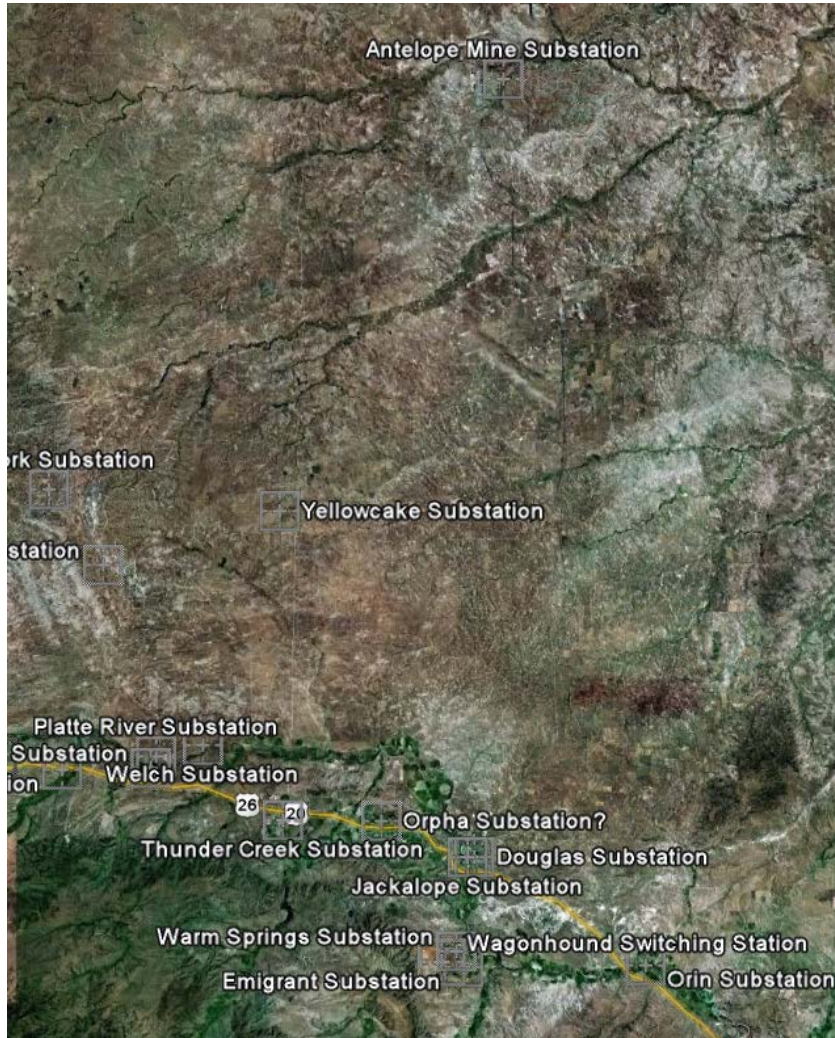
- There are several municipalities in the area including MDU, WAPA, PreCor, and Tri-State.
- There are a total of 46 substations: 4 Transmission substations, 32 Distribution substations, and 10 dedicated customer Transmission substations.
- Transmission voltages include 57 kV, 69 kV, 115 kV, and 230 kV.

# Casper Area



- Mainly residential, some business
- Voltages served: 230 kV, 115 kV, 69 kV, 34.5 kV, 12.5 kV.
- WAPA serves some of the load.
- Transmission ties to Dave Johnston sub/generation plant.

# Glenrock/Douglas Areas



- Equal distribution of residential/industrial customers.
- Contains Dave Johnston generation plant.
- Voltages served: 230 kV, 115 kV, 69 kV, 57 kV, 12.5 kV
- Tri-State also has service in the area.

# Buffalo Area



- Northern area of Wyoming
- Mostly industrial
- Voltages served: 230 kV, 34.5 kV, 12.47 kV
- BEPC & Powder River Energy have service in the area and tie to our 230 kV lines.

# Midwest Area



- North of Casper
- Voltages served: 230 kV, 69 kV, 34.5 kV, & 12.47 kV
- Heavy industrial area
- Linch & Salt Creek substations served with a 69 kV line from Casper substation.

# Load Growth

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- Base System Loads
  - ▶ Summer 2010: 414.29 MVA
  - ▶ Winter 2010-2011: 459 MVA
- Growth
  - ▶ Summer: 1.82%
  - ▶ Winter: 2.26%
- Projected System Loads
  - ▶ Summer 2014: 445.28 MVA
  - ▶ Winter 2014-15: 501.92 MVA



# Area Generation

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- Dave Johnston Plant (750 MW)
- Wyodak Plant (330 MW)
- WAPA Yellowtail Plant (250 MW)
- WAPA Glendo (38 MW)

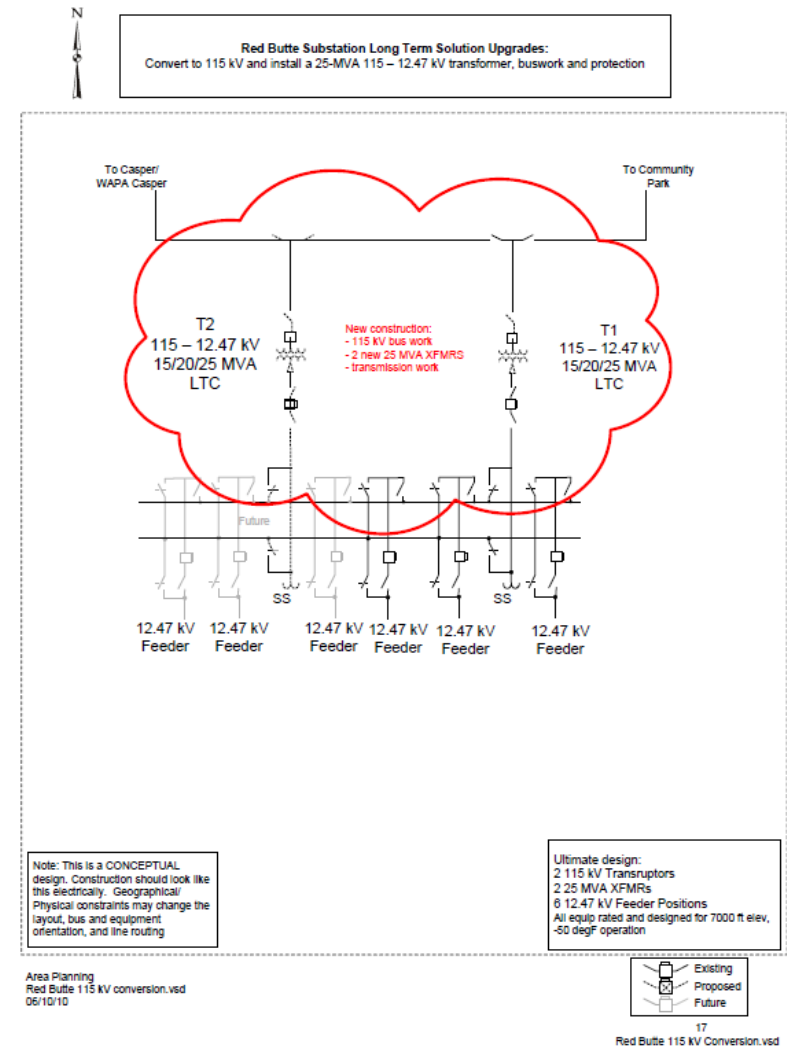
# Area Distribution Capacity

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- Total for all 5 areas is:
  - ▶ Summer: 573.5 MVA
  - ▶ Winter: 697.3 MVA

# N-0 System Improvements

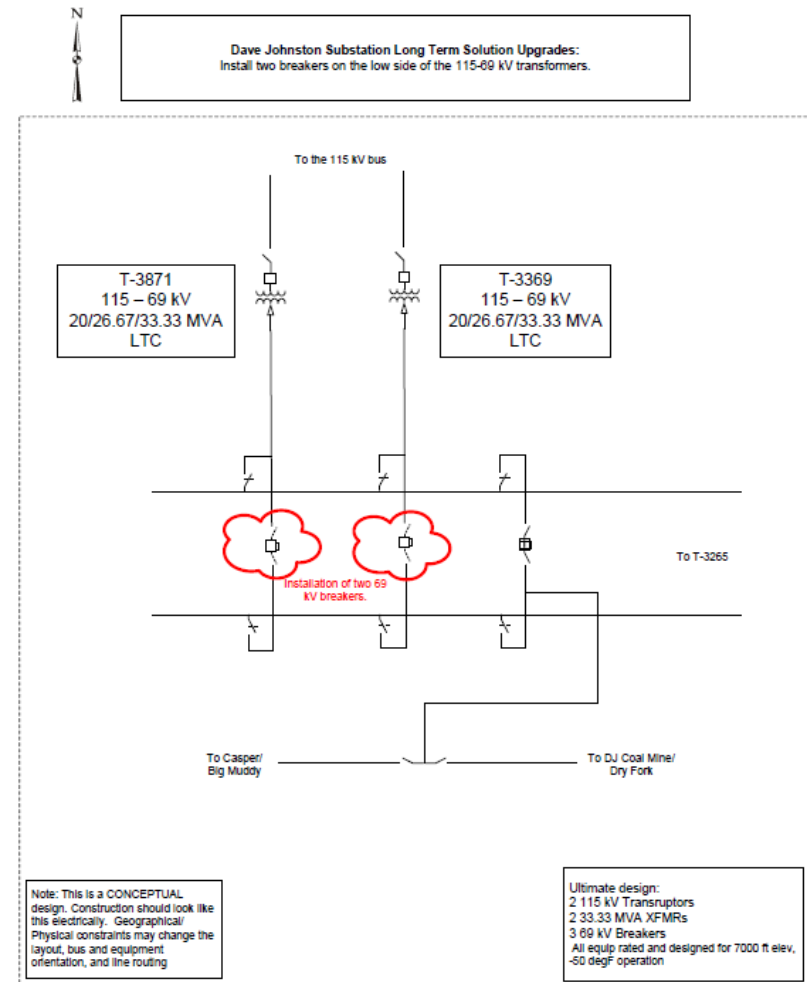
- Red Butte substation upgrade
  - Sub is due to overload in winter 2013-14
  - Convert to 115 kV
  - Reinsulate the line between Red Butte substation and Community Park substation
  - Estimated cost: \$7.1 M



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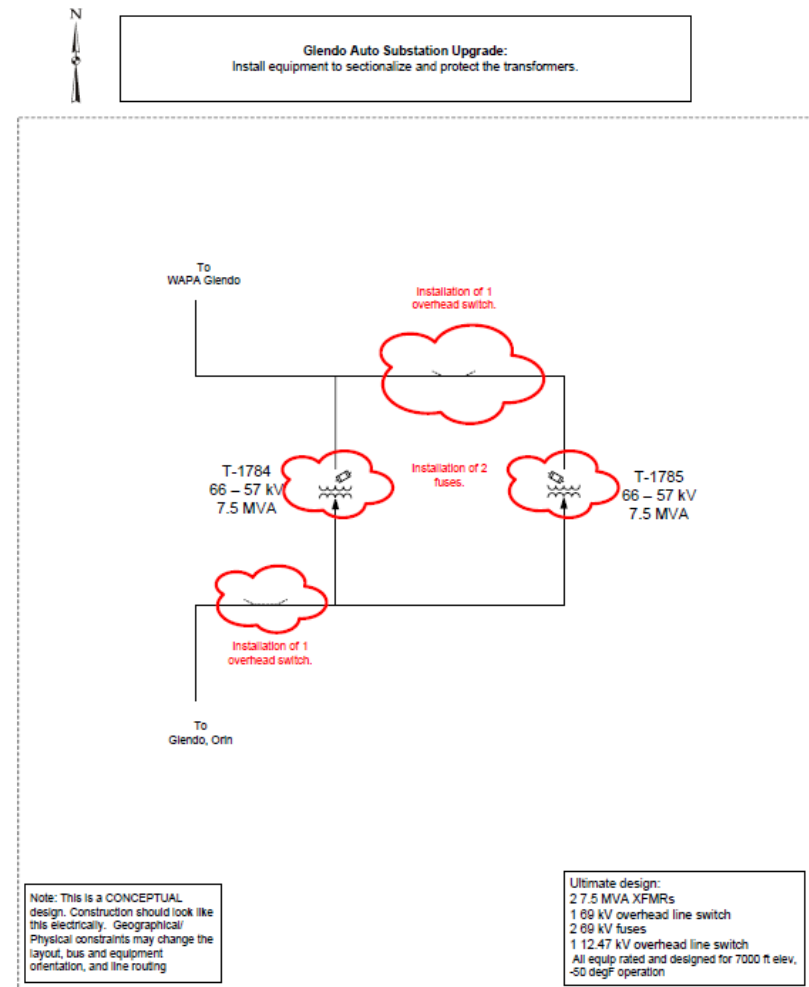
## – Dave Johnston substation

- ▶ Only one transformer is in service.
- ▶ Installation of two breakers on the 69 kV bus for added capacity and protection
- ▶ Estimated cost: \$500 K



# N-1 System Improvements

- Glendo Auto Upgrade
  - ▶ No protection between the two transformers
  - ▶ If one faulted the other would most likely fault as well
  - ▶ Install switches and fuses on the high side bus and fuses on the low side bus.
  - ▶ Estimated costs: \$500K



# Construction Schedule

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– 2011		\$ 3.2 M
▶ Dave Johnston substation.		
▶ Glendo Auto substation.		
▶ Start work on Red Butte.		
– 2012		\$ 8.5 M
▶ Continue work on Red Butte.		
– 2013		\$ 2.2 M
▶ Finish work on Red Butte.		
– 2014		N/A
– Total cost:	approx.	\$13.9 M

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- Any Questions or Comments?