



Glossary

Bentonite	a kind of absorbent clay formed by the breakdown of volcanic ash
Coal	a black/dark brown rock made from old plant matter found mainly underground. Coal is mined and used as fuel.
Conservation	the careful utilization of a resource in order to prevent waste and leave some for future generations
Consumption	using something up
Crude Oil	unrefined petroleum
Diesel	a heavy fuel used in semis and some vehicles
Economy	financial system of interaction and exchange
Energy	power derived from the utilization of natural resources, especially to provide light and heat or to power machines, usable power
Gasoline	a by-product of oil that is used for fuel in most cars and vehicles
Generation	a group of individuals, most of whom are the same approximate age
Habitat	the natural home or environment for a plant, animal, or organism
Hydropower	electricity produced from machines that are run by moving water
Industry	a group of businesses that provide a particular product or service
Mine (mining)	(verb) taking resources from the earth

Mineral	a substance (such as quartz, coal, petroleum, salt, etc.) that is naturally formed under the ground
Natural gas	odorless gas that is taken from under the ground and used as fuel and used to make materials
Natural resources	sources of life, materials, or energy that we are able to get naturally from the earth
Nonrenewable resources	resources that cannot be replenished (made again) in a short period of time
Oil	a natural liquid formed from plants and animals that lived millions of years ago that can be refined into gasoline, diesel fuel, jet fuel, wax, asphalt, and many other valuable products
Reclamation	the act of returning something to its former or better state
Renewable resources	resources that are capable of being replenished
Stewardship	As Wyoming citizens, we are stewards entrusted with the responsible development, care, and use of our resources to benefit current and future generations.
Trona	a gray mineral that occurs as an evaporate in salt deposits and consists of a hydrated carbonate and bicarbonate of sodium
Uranium	a gray, dense radioactive metal used as a fuel in nuclear reactors