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generated from interpretations of 2,256 well logs. Individual coal beds were identified from gamma ray, electric, induction, and density logs. Oil, gas, and coalbed natural gas (CBNG) drill holes that did not have logged intervals through the majority of the coalbearing units were excluded from this map. Interpretations were made by Wyoming State Geological Survey (WSGS) staff, United States Geological Survey (USGS) staff, and by the private consulting firm of Goolsby, Finley and Associates. Two previously published USGS maps (I-2131-A and I-2131-B by Denson and Crysdale, 1991a and 1991b) were used to compare relative coal thickness and locations of the plotted drill holes. Drill hole location data (latitude, longitude) was obtained from the Wyoming Oil and Gas Conservation Commission (WOGCC) database. Coal occurrence was interpreted from publicly available scanned images of geophysical logs on the WOGCC Web site http://wogcc.state.wy.us/).

In the event that anomalous values were encountered in the drill hole, the geophysical well logs were reinterpreted. In most instances these discrepancies were caused by shallow drill holes and/or drill holes whose logged interval did not include the majority of the coal-bearing units.

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