



Trapper Mine

Platte River Power Authority is a not-for-profit, community-owned public power utility that generates and delivers safe, reliable, environmentally responsible and financially sustainable energy and services to Estes Park, Fort Collins, Longmont and Loveland, Colo., for delivery to their utility customers.

Commercial operations:	1977 (acquired by Platte River and co-owners in 1983)
Mine name:	Trapper Mine
Production capacity:	1.5-2.0 million tons annually
Fuel type:	Sub-bituminous coal
Operations:	Utility-owned, surface coal mining cooperative

Operations

- Located 6.5 miles southwest of Craig, Colo.
- Platte River owns 27.14%
- Co-owners include Salt River Project and PacifiCorp
- All of the coal produced at Trapper Mine is delivered by conveyor to Craig Generating Station
- Past recipient of Sentinels of Safety award for safest large surface mine in the U.S.
- Recognized by the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for lowest safety incident rate within Colorado in 2020.

Financial

- Mine-mouth coal production results in significantly reduced transportation costs
- Cooperative
- Governed by a board of directors with representatives from each co-owner

Environmental

- Many species of wildlife are found on reclaimed lands located at Trapper Mine
- Named one of the three best examples of mined land reclamation in the United States since 1977
- Received several awards for pollution prevention from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment
- 2018 recipient of national Good Neighbor award from the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement and the National Mining Association for its reforestation and community relations efforts