

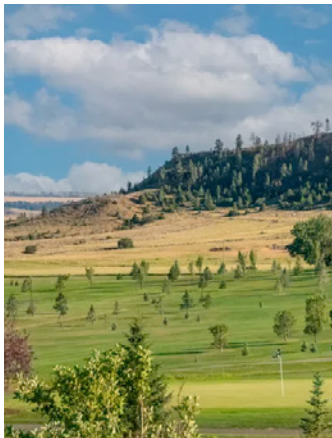


**J**oin us for the highly anticipated **Montana Coal Council 47th Annual Convention**, a premier gathering of industry leaders, experts, and enthusiasts! This year's event promises an enriching experience filled with insightful discussions, networking opportunities, and exciting activities.

Highlighting the convention is the renowned annual golf tournament at **Pryor Creek Golf Club**, where attendees can showcase their skills on the green while enjoying the stunning Montana scenery. The Shotgun event at **Billings Rod & Gun Club** adds an extra layer of excitement, fostering friendly competition and camaraderie among participants.

In addition to the thrill of the golf tournament or shooting event, participants can look forward to exclusive golf prizes, shooting prizes, and an exciting PAC Auction on Tuesday night, adding an extra incentive to participate. After a day of golfing or shooting, unwind and mingle with fellow attendees over cocktails and a delicious dinner, providing the perfect setting for forging valuable connections and exchanging ideas.

Don't miss out on this exceptional opportunity to be part of the Montana Coal Council's flagship event!



## **GOLF TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

Get ready to tee off at the Montana Coal Council Annual Golf Tournament on July 22nd at the scenic Pryor Creek Golf Club, We're spicing things up this year with a special opportunity – contribute \$10 per mulligan at the sign-up desk as a PAC contribution! Check-in kicks off bright and early at 7:30 am, so be sure to arrive on time. The tournament swings into action promptly at 8:00 am, followed by a delicious lunch provided at 1 pm. But wait, there's more! Join us in the evening at the hotel for the banquet, where we'll be awarding some fantastic prizes. The Gross Score and Net Score winning teams will each walk away with a prize, and we've got exciting hole prizes up for grabs too!

# AGENDA

## MONDAY, JULY 22ND

- 7:30AM** Golf Tournament Check-in
- 8:00AM** Montana Coal Council Annual Golf Tournament at Pryor Creek Golf Club
- 4:30PM** Business Mtg – Keith Walters -President
- 5:00PM** Cocktails and Dinner, Northern Hotel  
Golf Prizes Awarded

## TEUSDAY, JULY 23RD

- 7:30AM** Shooting Event Check-in
- 8:00AM** Shooters Challenge at Billings Rod & Gun Club
- 1:00PM** **GENERAL SESSION**  
Northern Hotel - Billings, Mt.  
George Harris, Executive Director Montana Coal Council  
**KEYNOTE:**  
Austin Knudsen, Attorney General  
**SPEAKERS:**  
**Paul Baruya**, Director of Strategy and  
Sustainability Future Coal, Global Alliance for Sustainable Coal  
**Daniel Connell**  
Sr. Vice Pres. CONSOL Innovations and CONSOL Energy Inc.  
**Mike Barnes**, Manager, MT Production & Operations Northwestern Energy  
**Paul Green**, Director, Montana Department of Commerce & Former State  
Legislator HD 41  
**Garry Parry**, Representative, MT. Legislator HD 39
- 6:30PM** Cocktails & Dinner -Shooting prizes & PAC Auction

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 24TH

- 9:00AM** Board Directors Meeting  
**Keith Walters**, President followed by MCC Technical Meeting

## MEET OUR SPEAKERS



KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### **AUSTIN KNUDSEN**

Attorney General

Austin Knudsen was sworn in as Montana's 25th Attorney General in January 2021. He is a 5th generation Montanan who grew up a farm and ranch kid in Northeast Montana. Austin received his undergraduate degree from Montana State University and his law degree from the University of Montana. He opened his own law firm in Culbertson and served as Speaker of the House before running for county attorney in Roosevelt County, where he prosecuted criminals and saw the drug and crime issues up close. Then, Austin decided to put his legal skills and leadership abilities to work for all Montanans and ran for Attorney General.

As the head of the Montana Department of Justice, which includes the Highway Patrol and the Division of Criminal Investigation, Austin has made public safety the agency's top priority, and is working to keep Montana safe and a great place to live and raise a family.



### **PAUL BARUYA**

Director of Strategy and  
SustainabilityFuture Coal-Global Alliance for Sustainable Coal

Paul Baruya is the Director of Strategy and Sustainability at FutureCoal. Paul joined FutureCoal in 2022, where he supports advocacy for advanced coal technologies in a carbon neutral future and the strategic role of coal in developing economies.

He comes with a background in environmental consultancy at AEA Technology (now Ricardo), where he devised the New Entrant Reserve CO2 allocation for new power plants and industrial facilities and was involved in numerous projects involving end-user energy efficiency and CO2 reduction campaigns. He also has experience in long-term forecasting and modelling of global coal and gas markets at IHS Global Insight (now IHS Markit), and energy use and emissions from power generation, steel, cement, and transport sectors. Previous to FutureCoal, Paul was a senior analyst at the International Centre for Sustainable Carbon, a Technology Collaboration Programme of the IEA, studying the cost structures of mining, coal and gas competition in Asia, energy in Africa, and global biomass resources.



### **DANIEL CONNELL**

Sr. Vice Pres.  
CONSOL Innovations and CONSOL Energy Inc.

Dan was appointed as the leader of CONSOL Energy's new CONSOL Innovations group in 2023, spearheading the company's ongoing commitment to sustainable growth through new technologies, especially those in the coal-to-products, carbon materials, and carbon management sectors. Previously, he served as Senior Vice President – Strategy and Vice President – Business Development and Technology, with a primary focus on developing and executing CONSOL's overall strategy, while having responsibility at various times for the company's Baltimore marine terminal, Itmann mine project, and sales & marketing, environmental & sustainability, and business development efforts. Prior to these roles, Dan spent about 15 years working in CONSOL's research & development, marketing, and strategy & engineering groups, where he focused on the development and economic analysis of advanced power generation and environmental control technologies, technical marketing for thermal and metallurgical coal customers, energy market analysis, strategic planning, new

market development, and major transactions. Dan earned his B.S. in chemical engineering, summa cum laude, from the University of Notre Dame, and a Certificate of Excellence in Advanced Management and Leadership from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. He was named one of the Pittsburgh Business Times 20 People to Know in Energy in 2022, and he has authored or co-authored more than 75 publications and presentations on topics related to coal, energy, and the environment.



## **MIKE BARNES**

Manager,  
MT Production & Operations  
Northwestern Energy

Superintendent of Joint-Owned Thermal Generation for NorthWestern Energy since 2014 overseeing NorthWestern's interest in four coal-fired generation facilities in 4 states. My career in the electric generation business using coal fuels spans over 30 years from a mine engineer to a power trader to management and oversight of facilities.



## **PAUL GREEN**

Director,  
Montana Department of Commerce & Former State Legislator HD 41

A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Commerce Director Paul Green assumed leadership of the agency in 2024 after serving in the Montana House of Representatives. Director Green championed tax relief, economic development, red tape reform and workforce housing development while he represented House District 41. Director Green has extensive leadership experience earned in the private and public sectors, as well as a strong background in economic development, serving as executive director of Two Rivers Economic Development Authority and as a leader with the Montana Economic Developers Association. He later started and ran a small business, and oversaw maintenance and civil engineering for Burlington Northern Santa Fe and the Bureau of Land Management, respectively. In addition to farming and ranching with his family near Hardin for nearly three decades, Director Green has held various volunteer leadership positions in the area. He has served on the Board of Directors for Little Horn State Bank since 2007, and in 2019, helped found the Big Horn County Search and Rescue for Murdered and Missing Indigenous Persons, where he served as director until 2022. For nearly 20 years, Director Green has coached football, baseball, softball and wrestling in Big Horn County.



## **GARY PARRY**

Representative  
MT. Legislator HD 39

Gary Parry is a member of the Republican Party and represents District 39 in the Montana House of Representatives. He assumed office on January 2, 2023, and his current term ends on January 6, 2025. He is presently running for re-election. Gary Parry was born in Helena, Montana, and currently resides in Colstrip. He graduated from Helena Senior High School. He earned a bachelor's degree in geology from the University of Montana in 1975 and an M.B.A. from Sam Houston State University in 1990. His career experience includes working as a senior contract analyst with Western Energy Company and Westmoreland Coal Company. He ran for election to the Montana House of Representatives to represent District 39 and won in the general election on November 8, 2022.



## HOTEL RESERVATIONS

All events will be held at **The Northern Hotel - Billings, MT**. All room reservations are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The block expires on Friday, June 21, 2024, be sure to make your reservations before then!

### ROOM BLOCKS:

10 rooms will be held for Sunday, July 21st; 25 rooms held on Monday, July 22nd and 25 rooms held on Tuesday, July 23rd.



### ROOM RATES:

**\$159.00**, Classic King or Queen Guest Room, single or double occupancy

**\$179.00**, Classic Double Queen Guest Room, single or double occupancy

**\$209.00**, Classic King Suites, single or double occupancy

The above room rates are per room, per night and will be subject to an **8%** Bed Tax, and **\$4.00** TBID fee.

### RESERVATION METHOD:

Reserve rooms individually by calling the hotel at **(406) 867-6767**.

Rooms must be guaranteed with a credit card. Guests must request the MT Coal Council room block to receive the special group block room rates.

All guests will be responsible for their individual guestroom, tax and incidental charges. Guests must present a valid credit card and identification upon check-in.

### Guestroom Cancellations:

Northern Hotel must be notified by 3:00PM the day before arrival date for each guestroom cancellation. Guestrooms cancellations received after 3:00PM the day before arrival will result in one day of room and tax charged to the credit card used to guarantee your booking.

If reservations within the group block check out earlier than the contracted departure date, the individual will be charged for the entire length of the original contracted reservation.

Last date to book hotel is **June 21st 2024!**

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