



## **Customer Profile: Montana Limestone Company**

Montana Limestone Company (MLC) is a subsidiary of Dakota Coal Company (DCC) and operates the limestone quarry in Warren, MT, 15 miles north of Frannie, WY. WT's relationship with MLC began on July 31, 2002 when Jim Weaver, then co-owner of MLC, and his partner, sold MLC to DCC. Weaver had spent the previous 30 years as owner/operator of MLC. At that time the WT-Warren, MT Branch was established to support WT trucking contracts that were included in the sale negotiations as well as contracts for on-going road maintenance.

Over the past 10 years, WT has focused on customer service and has maintained a strong relationship with MLC. The close proximity of the WT-Warren Branch helps WT provide quick and flexible service. WT continues to be the main contract hauler for the quarry and hauls limestone products to MLC's finegrind mill, rail loading facilities, Billings Generation, Wyoming Lime Producers and various sugar factories in the region. WT also continues to provide road maintenance work.

*"We have a close relationship because we work TOGETHER daily, and that working relationship has been very successful. We have recommended WT in the past, we would in the future, and we do recommend WT to all persons who call and ask for rate quotes and inquire about transportation."*

**- Kurt Kiser, Quarry Superintendent, MLC**

*It has been a pleasure to serve MLC over the past 10 years. We truly value the business and our strong relationship. We look forward to many more years of working with MLC and wish the quarry much continued success."*

**- Jim Weaver, CEO, WT**

MLC was originally started in the early 1900's as Big Horn Calcium, a source of limestone for Great Western Sugar and Holly Sugar. In the past 10 years, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, the parent company of DCC has made many investments to the infrastructure of the quarry and crushing operations. MLC currently has gross sales of over 600,000 tons of limestone annually. The high quality limestone calcium content is at levels of 95% +/-, most of which is used in the regional sugar beet refining industry. A large portion of the limestone is used in removing sulfur dioxide from stack emissions at coal based power plants and water treatment facilities. Limestone from MLC is shipped by rail to northwest U.S. locations and to Canada.

