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Back Cover: Although coal mining has almost ceased in Las Animas County, Colorado, many coal seams remain, as here beside Highway 12 in the Purgatoire River Valley just west of Valdez. Future development of southern Colorado coal may be more through drilling than mining, as these coal beds contain great quantities of high-grade methane gas. Three gas companies are currently working large leases in the field.