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Geologic Highway Cross Section: Kentucky Highway 80, Hazard to Prestonburg

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The coals exposed along the road are the most economically significant exposures in the area. In addition, studies in coal geology and petrography can be undertaken, resulting in the five cross sections on this sheet.

The rocks exposed along Kentucky Highway 80 belong to the Elkins Fork and Breathitt formations, and include sandstone, siltstone, shale, and coal beds. Stratigraphic descriptions and illustrations are available for the selected exposures marked by a circle with a letter inside. The descriptions containing these descriptions are listed at the bottom of this cross section.