

Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning Project

Southeast Wyoming Regional Landfill Planning Group

Local Public Meeting City of Cheyenne

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Introductions

- **Local Core Working Group**
 - **City of Cheyenne**
- **Local Stakeholders**
 - **Recycling Organizations**
 - **Cities/Towns**
 - **Local Media**
 - **Private Waste Haulers**
 - **Environmental Organizations**
 - **Local Citizens**
 - **Others?**
- **Trihydro Team**



Why Are We Here?

- **Senate File 38 (Enrolled Act No. 43) passed in 2006 Legislature, focused on two issues:**
 - *Landfill Monitoring*
 - *Integrated Solid Waste Management Planning*
- **Legislation provides grant money (\$1.3M) to help operators prepare ISWM plans**
- **Everybody that holds an operating permit must prepare a 20-year ISWM plan by *July 1, 2009***
- ***This is a FUNDED mandate***

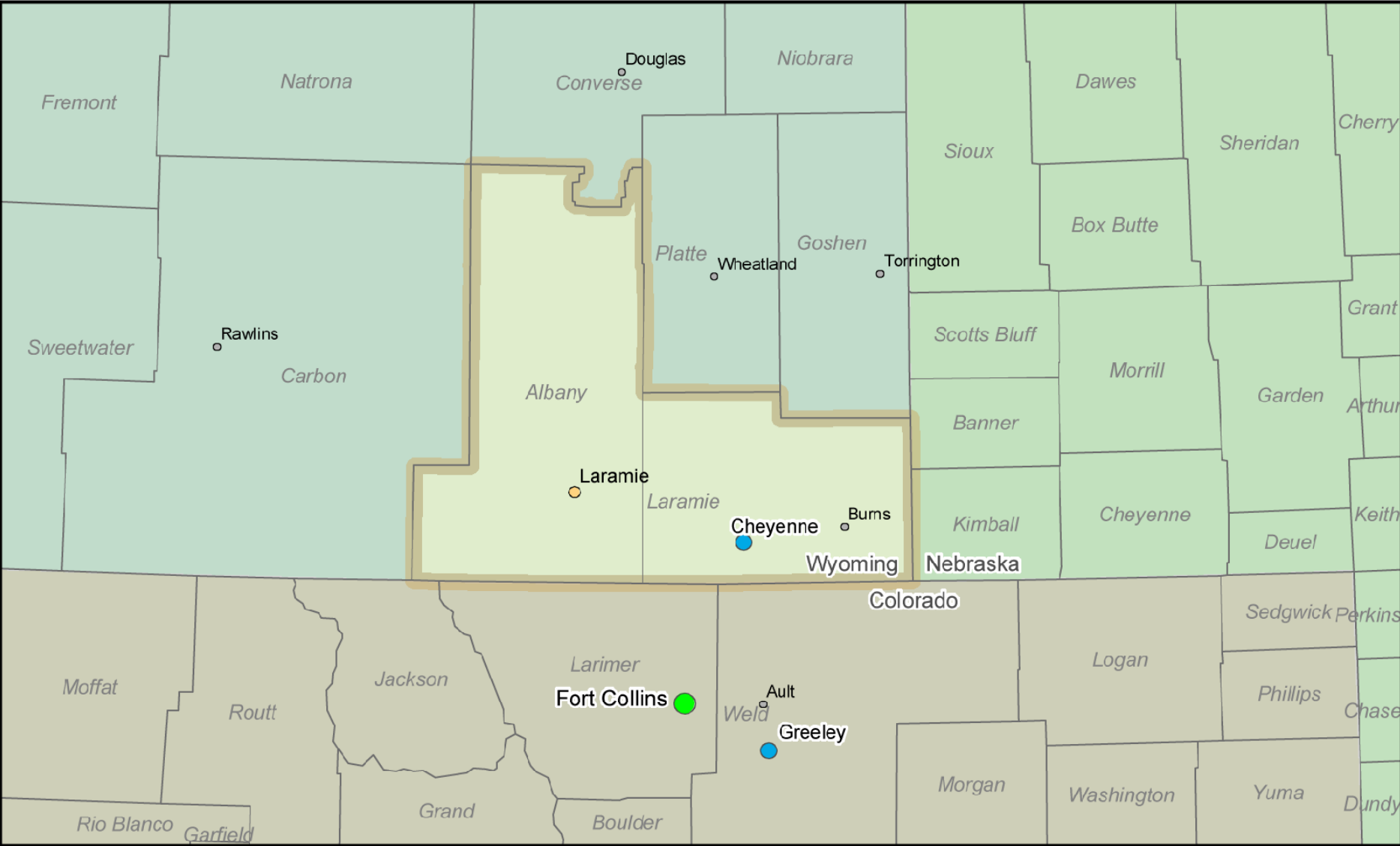
Why Are We *REALLY* Here?

- **51** operating landfills – all but 3 are unlined
- **78+** “closed” landfills are unlined
- Most unlined operating landfills appear to be leaking
- **2,600** water supply sources within 1 mile of landfill
- **\$\$\$** cost to clean up groundwater pollution
- Lining landfills is expensive
- Seriously consider regionalization of services
- ***OPPORTUNITY***—*is there is a better way to do it ?*
- ***NOT A COMMITMENT!***

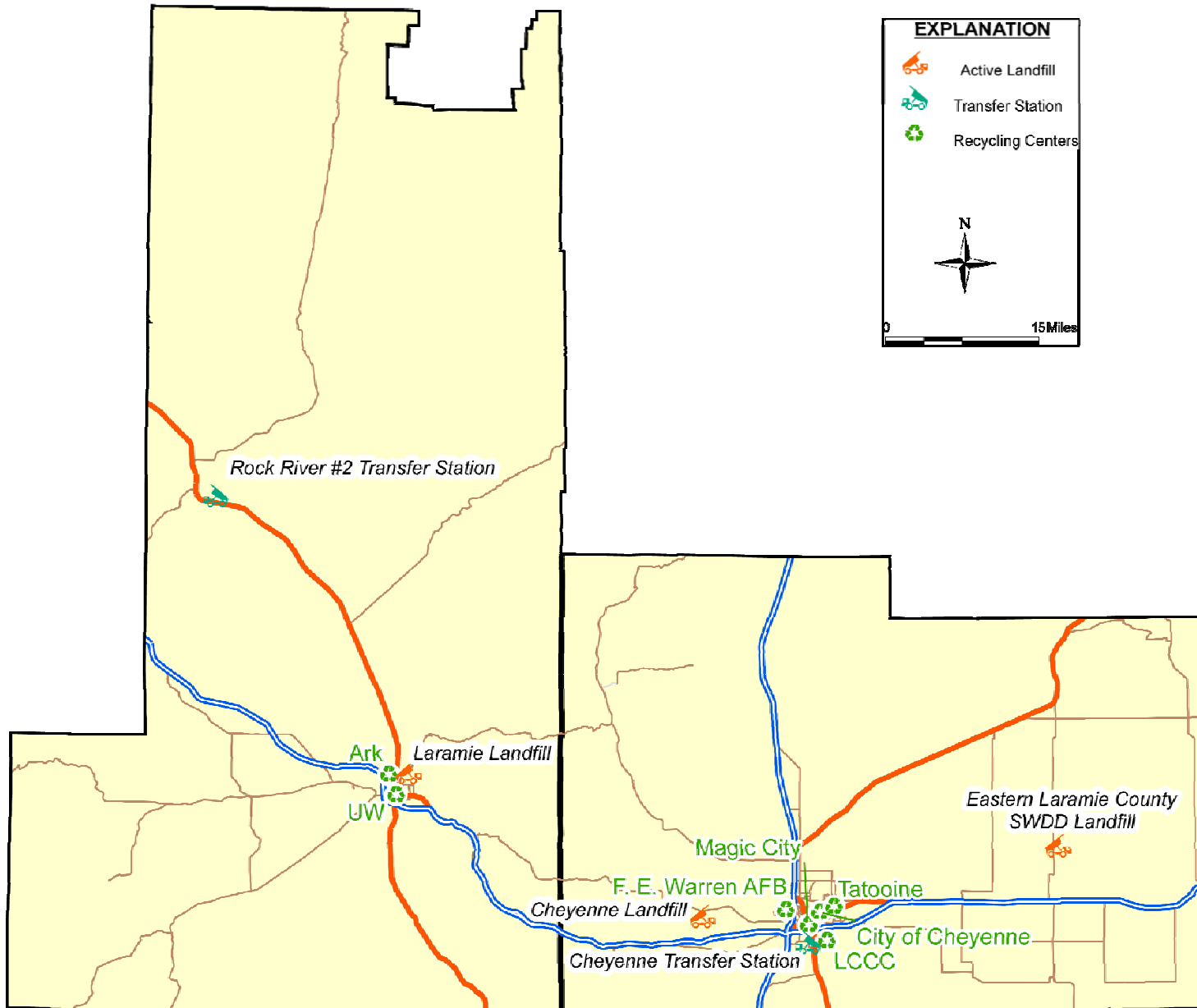
ISWM Planning ... Facts and Fiction

- **What does an ISWM plan do? (Facts)**
 - Evaluates the cost of your current system
 - Identifies “reasonable” alternatives and associated costs
 - Provides the information that is needed to make informed, responsible decisions
- **What does a ISWM plan NOT do? (Fiction)**
 - Commit you to closing all your landfills
 - Commit you to implementing an option with a planning partner
 - Commit you to taking your garbage to an out-of-county landfill
 - Commit you to accepting garbage from another community

REGIONAL LOCATION MAP SHOWING PLANNING AREA



ACTIVE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITIES



ISWM Planning Process

Involves the public ... from start to finish!

Today, we would like to hear your thoughts on:

- What do you think the solid waste management goals should be? (planning objectives)
- What do you think are “*reasonable*” alternatives that should be considered?

Planning Objectives

- **What solid waste management system characteristics are important to you?**
 - Cost?
 - Other Partners?
 - Environmental protection (status quo or more)?
 - Recycling/Composting?
 - Ease of Use/Level of Service?
 - Transportation/Location?
 - Waste Segregation/Diversion?

Sampling of Alternatives...

- **Convert the Cheyenne Landfill to a construction /demolition (C/D) landfill, haul other solid waste to the North Weld County Landfill near Ault**
- **Convert the Cheyenne Landfill to a C/D landfill, haul other solid waste to a yet-to-be developed Regional Facility, accepting waste from Laramie and/or Albany Counties**
- **Continue to explore potential for landfill expansion at the current Cheyenne Landfill (Happy Jack location)**
- **Close the Cheyenne Landfill at Happy Jack and replace it with a new landfill facility on the Belvoir Ranch for local use**
- **Close the Cheyenne Landfill at Happy Jack and replace it with a Regional Facility on the Belvoir Ranch, accepting waste from Laramie and/or Albany Counties**
- **Other alternatives? Alternatives may be a combination of ideas, some for the short-term, others for the long-term.....
(We are looking for a 20 year plan!)**

How to Provide Input

- Today
 - Public Testimony by sign-in
 - Comments provided to Working Group
- Other Public Meetings
- Website –
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