

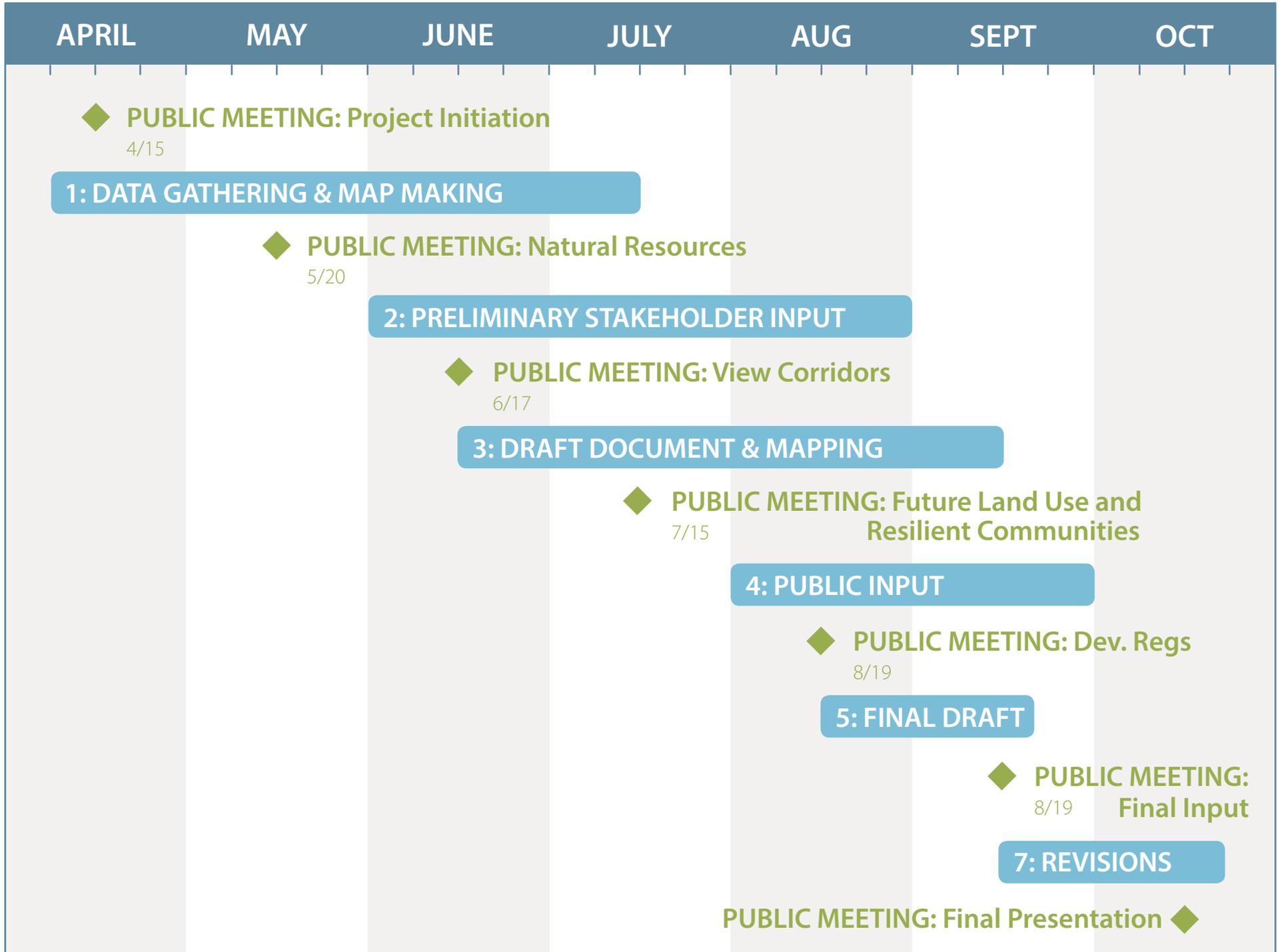
Carbon County Growth Policy Update

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

# Existing Resources



# CARBON COUNTY GROWTH POLICY UPDATE



# Purpose

- Reevaluate Priorities
- Set a Framework
- Direct Growth Appropriately
- Protect Limited Resources



# *What does the plan evaluate?*

## **Land Use**

- Ownership
- Development Regulations
- Wildlife Habitat
- Wilderness and Recreation

## **Population**

- Location and Density
- Demographics
- Projections

## **Housing**

- Conditions
- Affordability
- Demand

## **Economic Conditions**

- Employment Trends
- Business Development
- Local Assets

## **Local Services**

- Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement

## **Public Facilities**

- Roads and Bridges
- Water and Sewer

## **Natural Resources**

- Minerals
- Fishery and Wildlife
- Scenic and Cultural



# Trends from Last Update

- Increasing Population: **9,552** in 2000, **10,078** in 2010 (+5.5%)
- People were increasingly moving outside town
- Residents were increasingly working outside the county
- Increasing costs for services
- School enrollment: increased to west, decreased to east
- Increase in oil and gas exploration
- Increase in small acreage residential in rural areas
- Water supply issues

# Trends Now

- Stable Population? **10,078** in 2010, **10,057** in 2012 (-0.2%)
- People are increasingly moving to incorporated towns
- More than half (**51%**) of workers commute outside the county, compared to **37%** in 2008
- School enrollment: increasing in HS, decreasing in Elem-8
- Slight increase in oil and gas exploration/drilling
- Increase in seasonal resident housing units: **18%** in 2010, **25%** in 2012
- Increasing costs for services?
- Decrease in small acreage subdivisions, increase in exempt single-lot subdivisions
- Water supply issues?

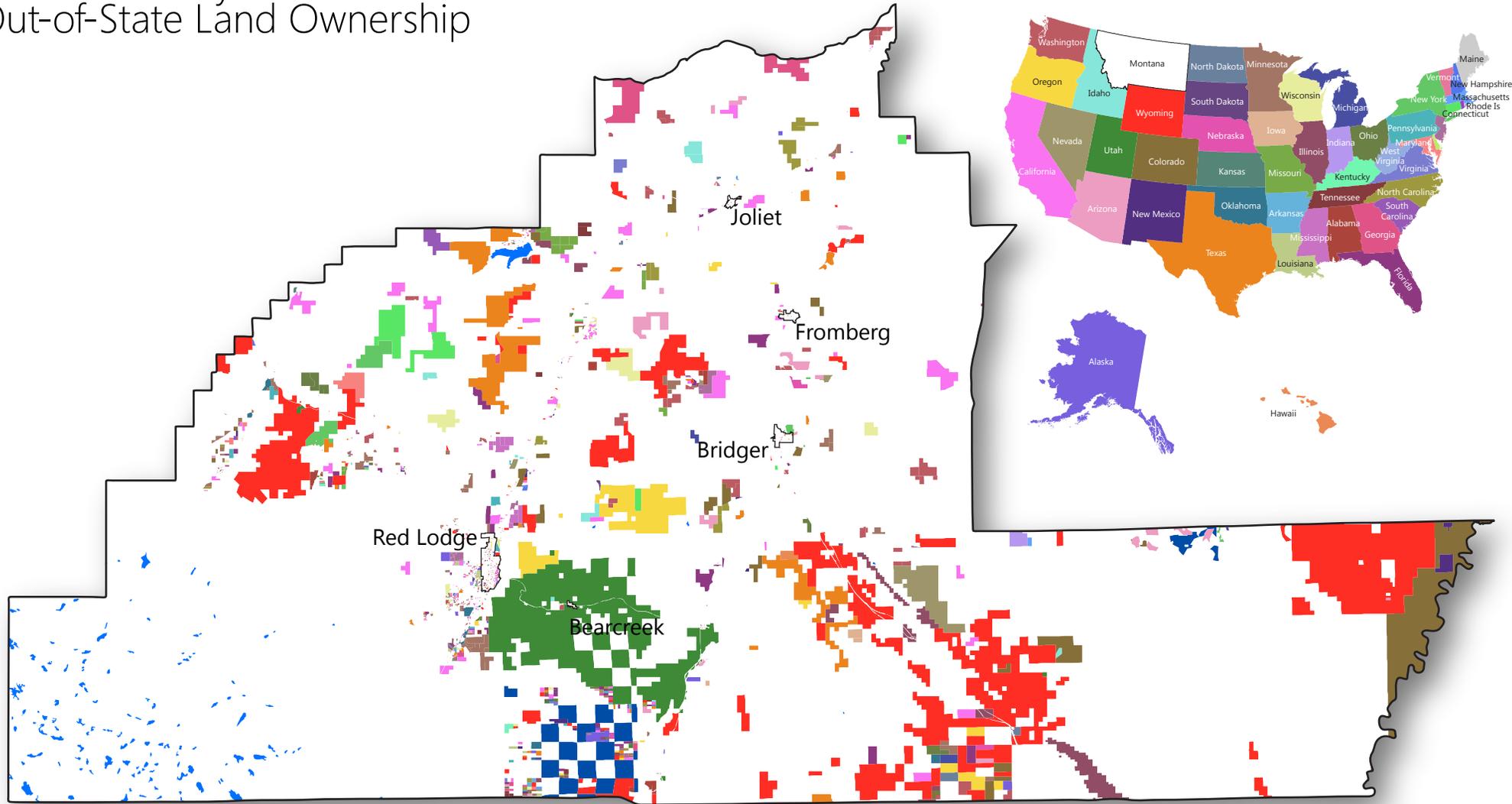
# Discussion of Growth Policy Framework

- Values, Assets, Threats and Goals
- Stakeholder and Public Input ideas

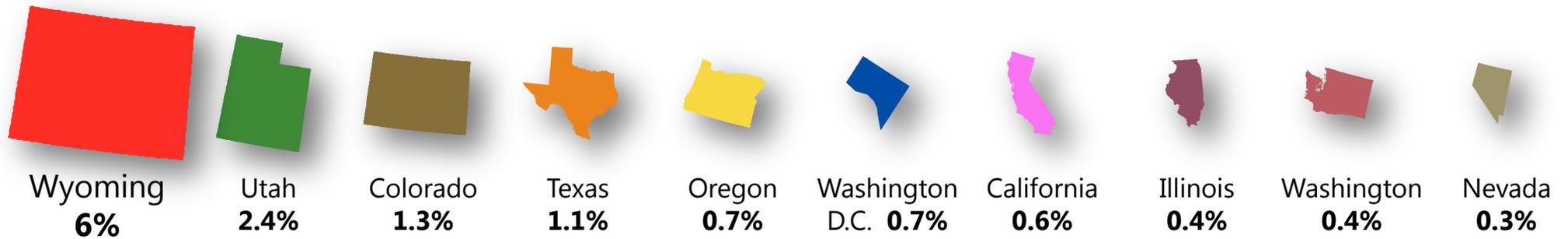


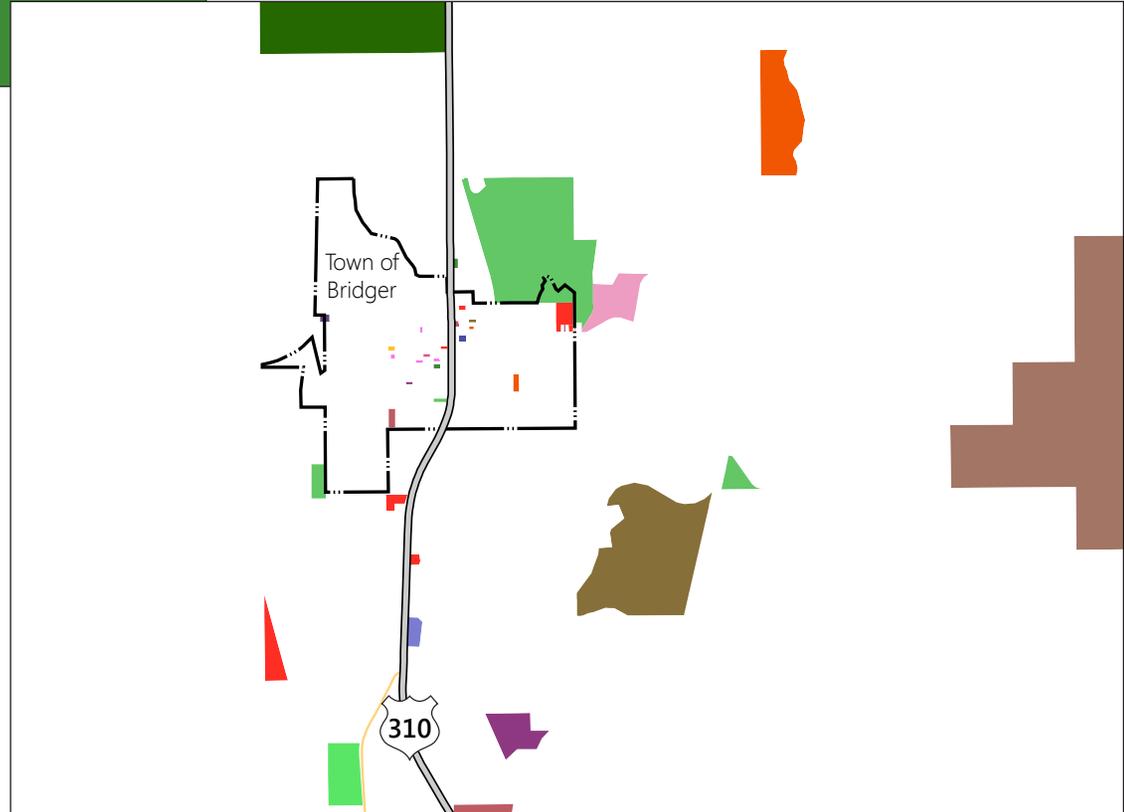
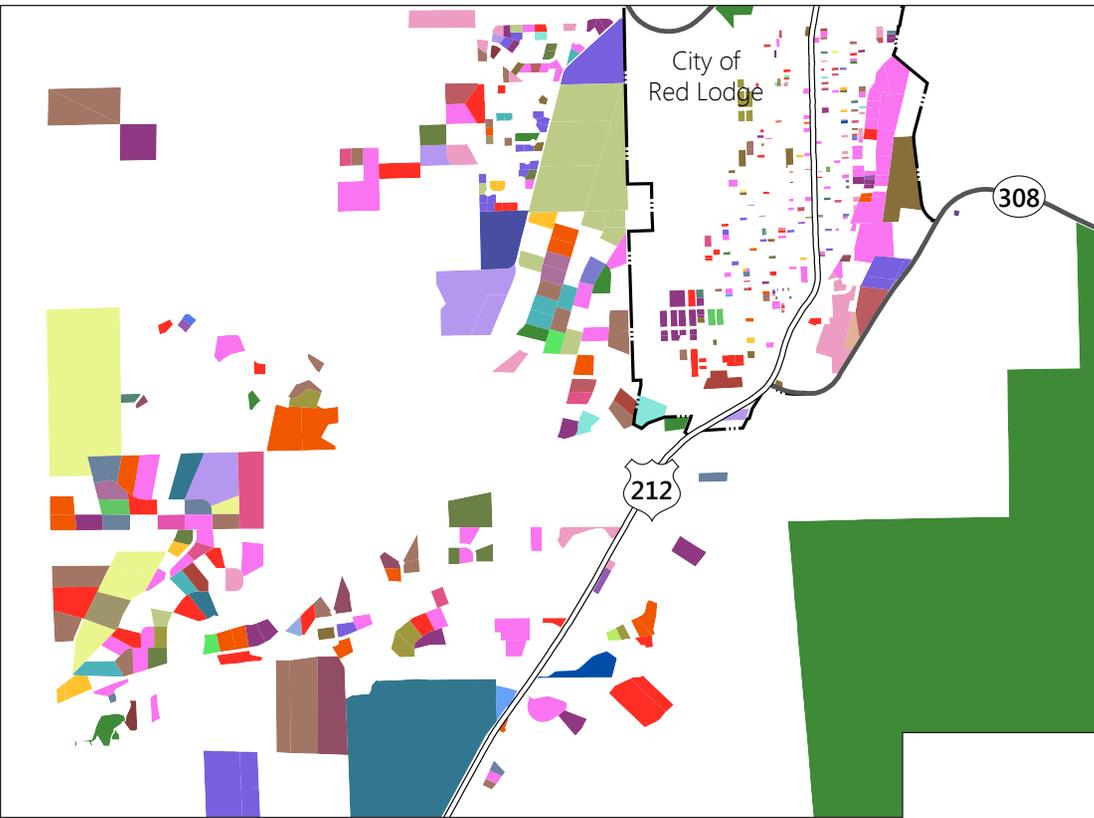
# Carbon County Out-of-State Land Ownership

49 US States Represented in the County

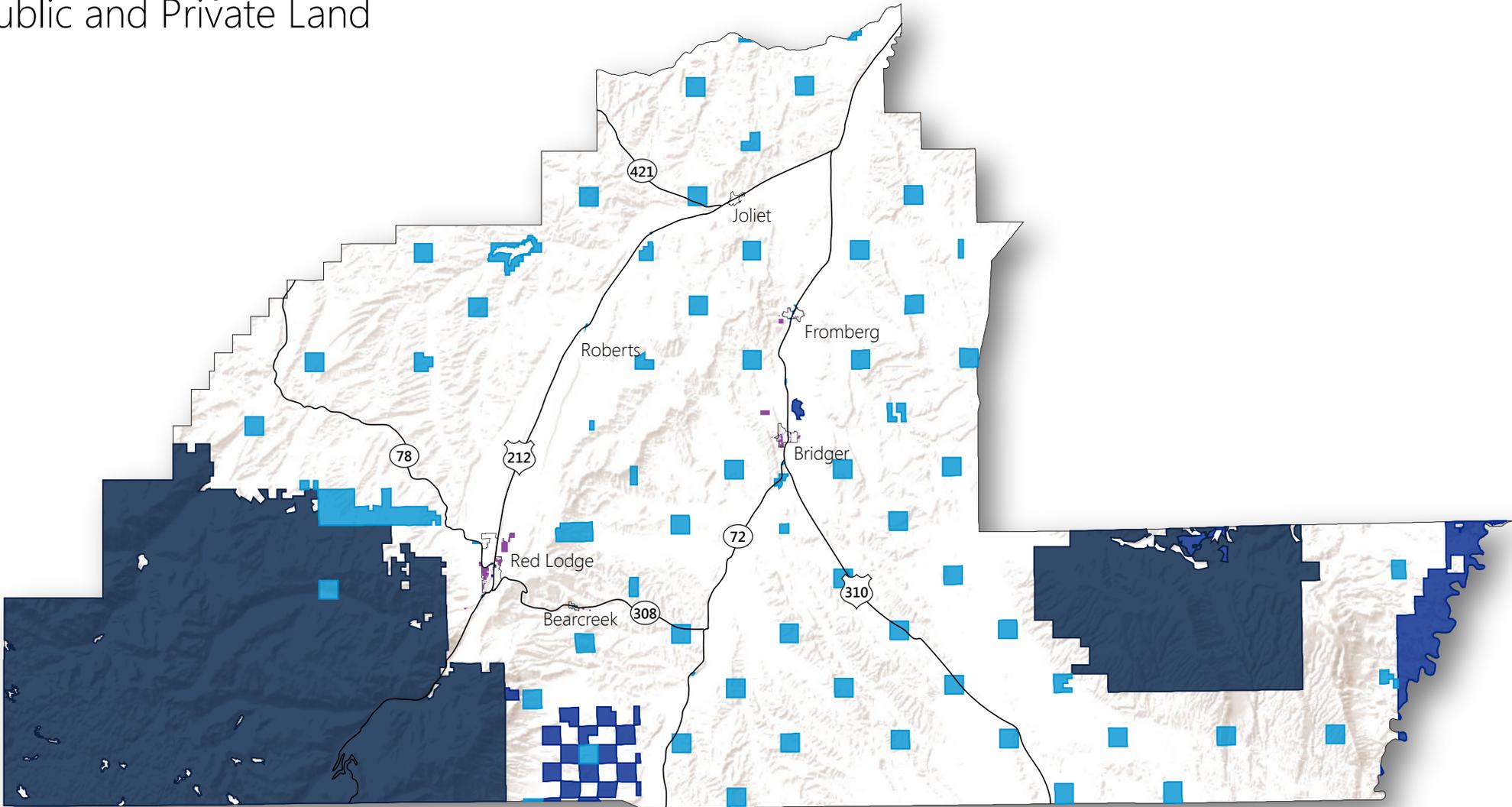


## Top 10 Out-of-State Ownership States



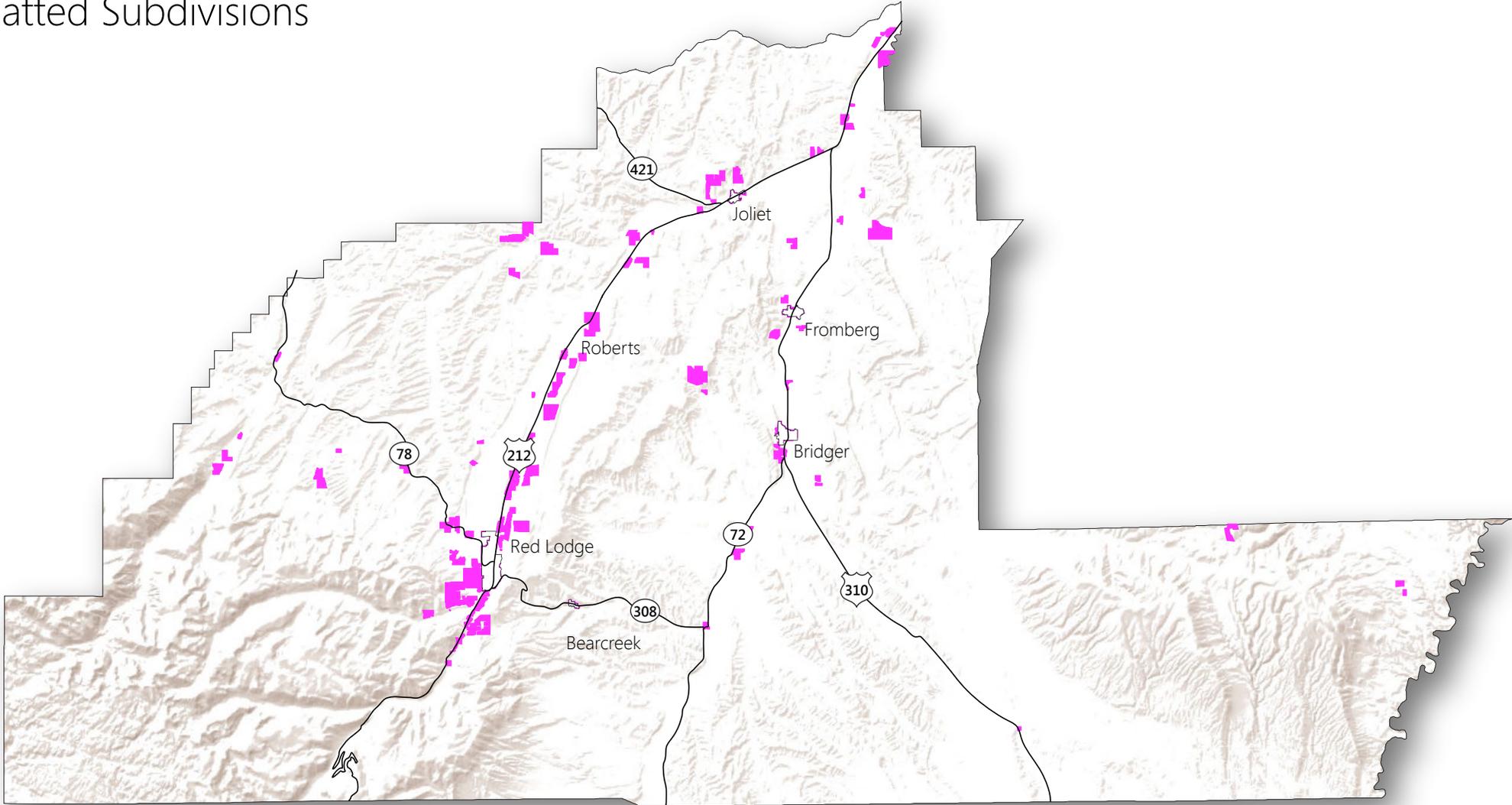


# Carbon County Public and Private Land

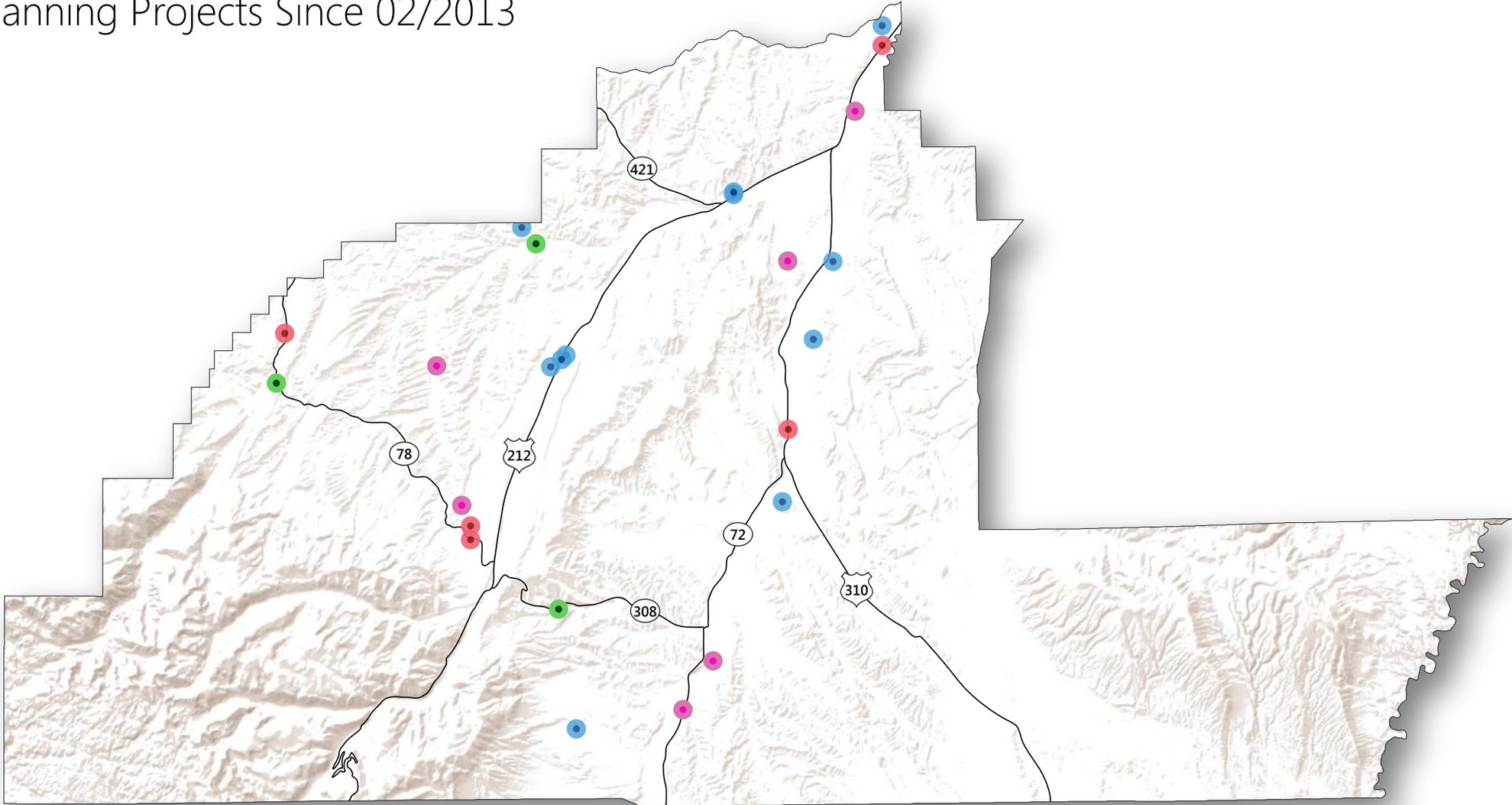


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|---|------------------|---|-----------------------|
|  | City Lands       |  | Federal Lands         |
|  | Carbon County    |  | National Park Service |
|  | State of Montana |  | Private Lands         |

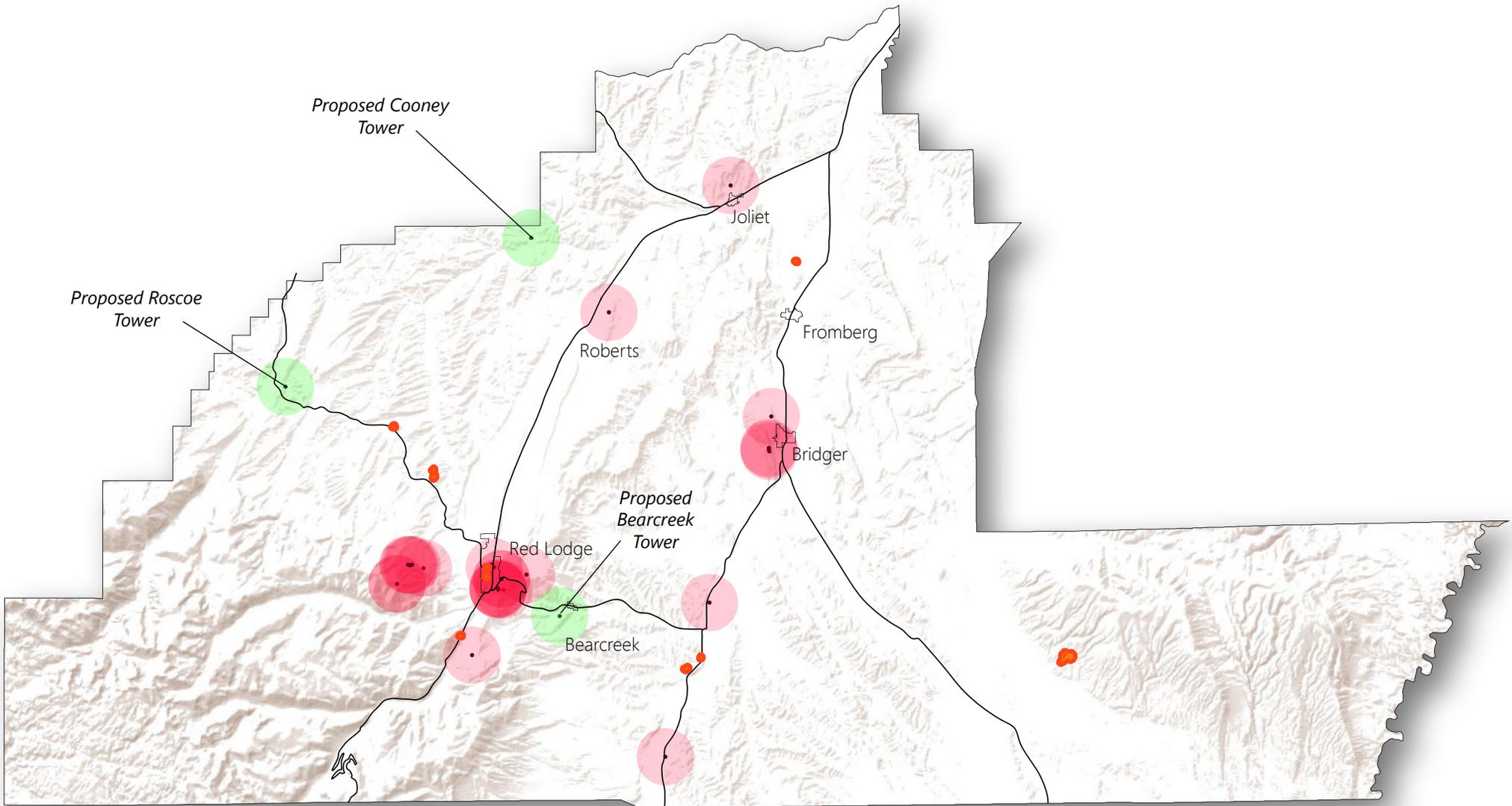
# Carbon County Platted Subdivisions



# Carbon County Planning Projects Since 02/2013

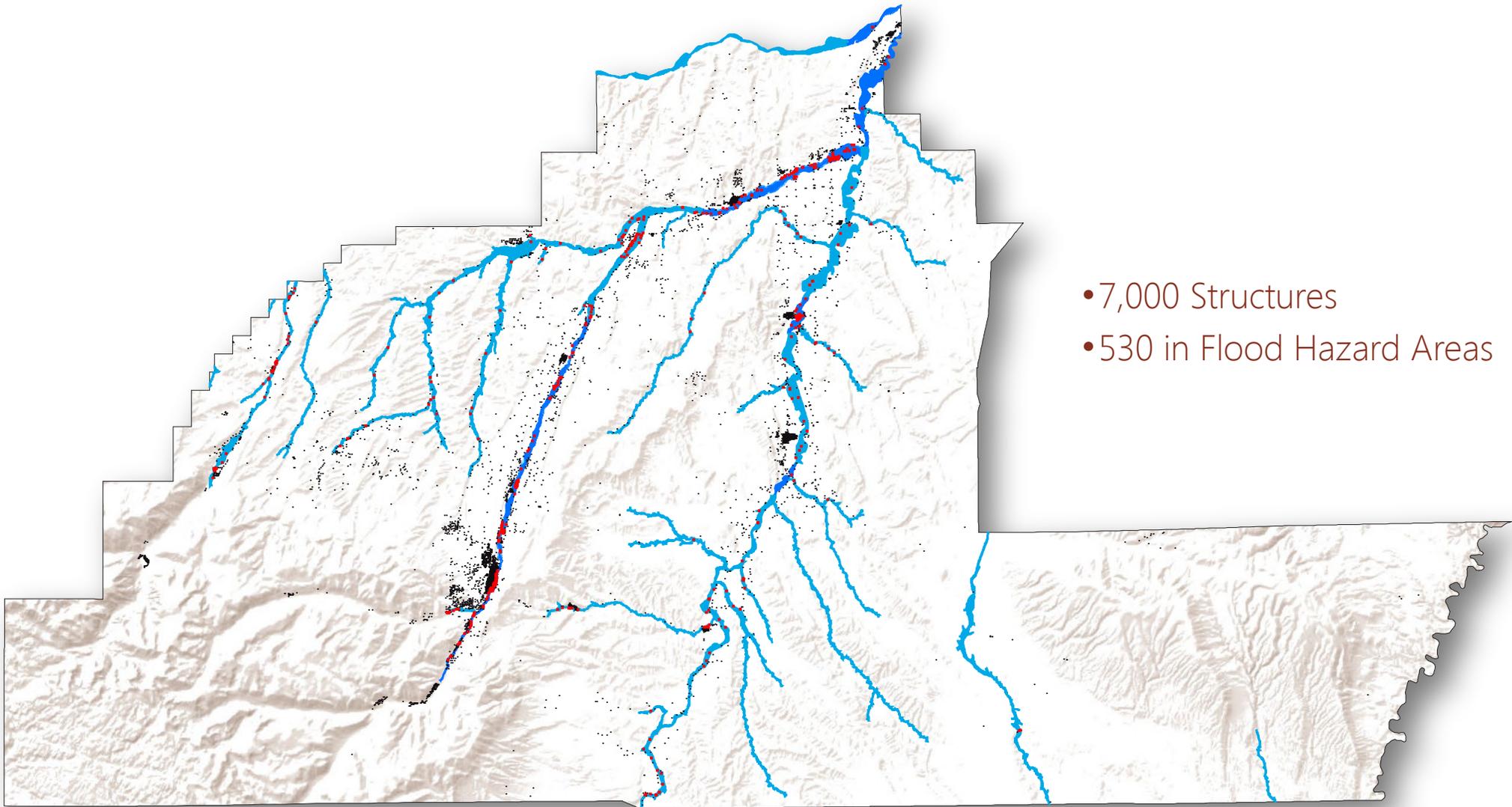


- Minor Subdivision
- Cell Tower
- Exempt Subdivisions (Family Transfers, Court Orders)
- Boundary Relocation Exemption

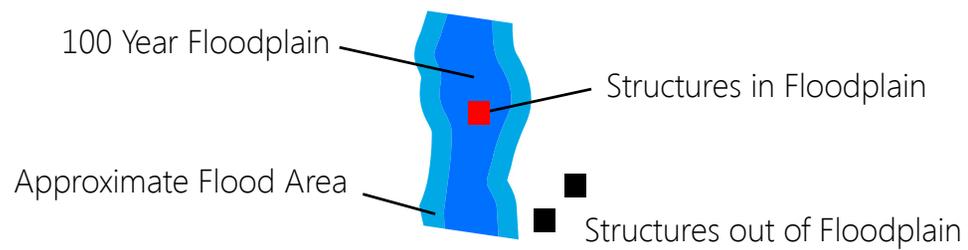


● Telecommunications Antennae

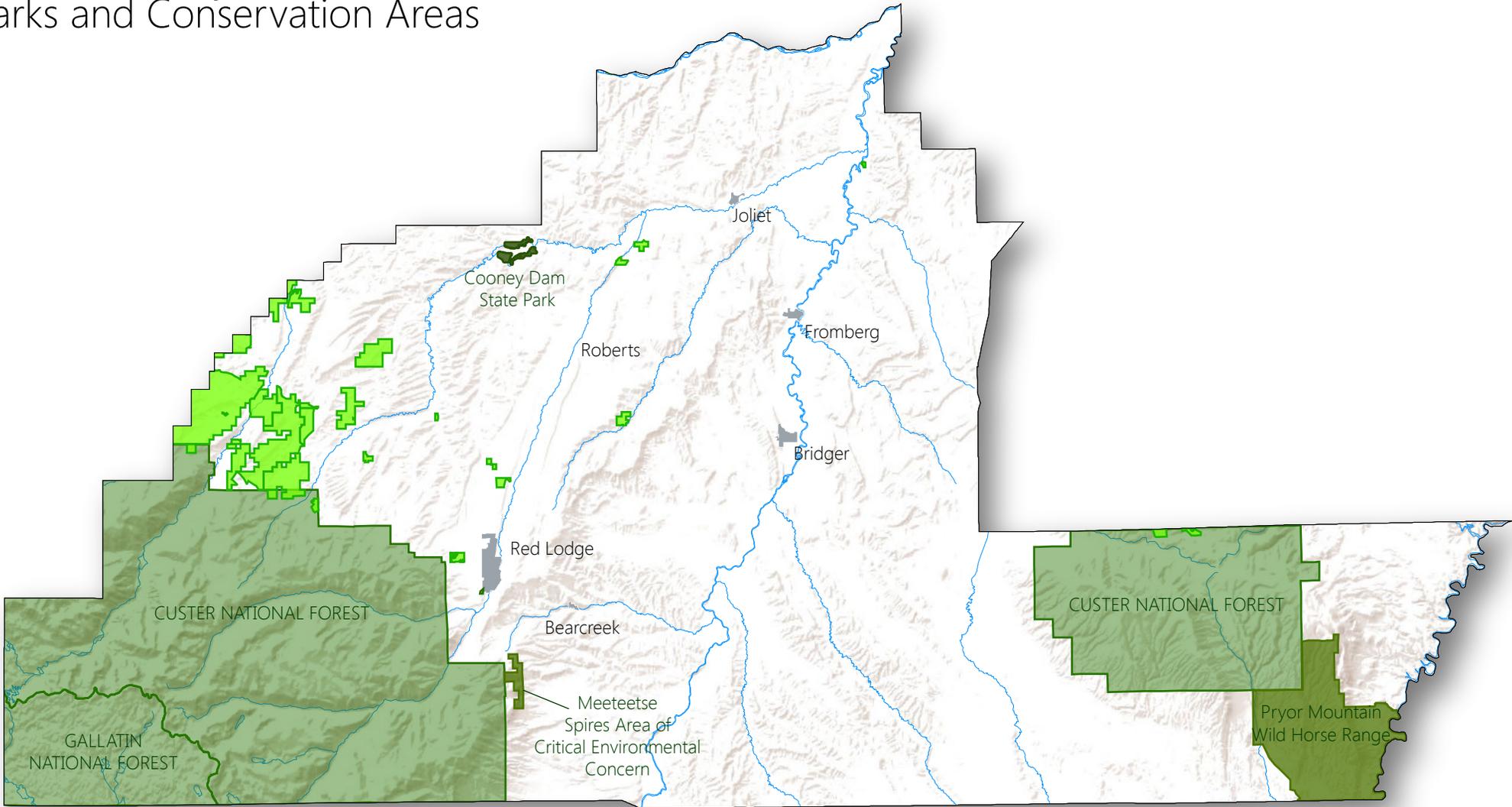
■ Gravel Pit



## Flood Hazard Areas

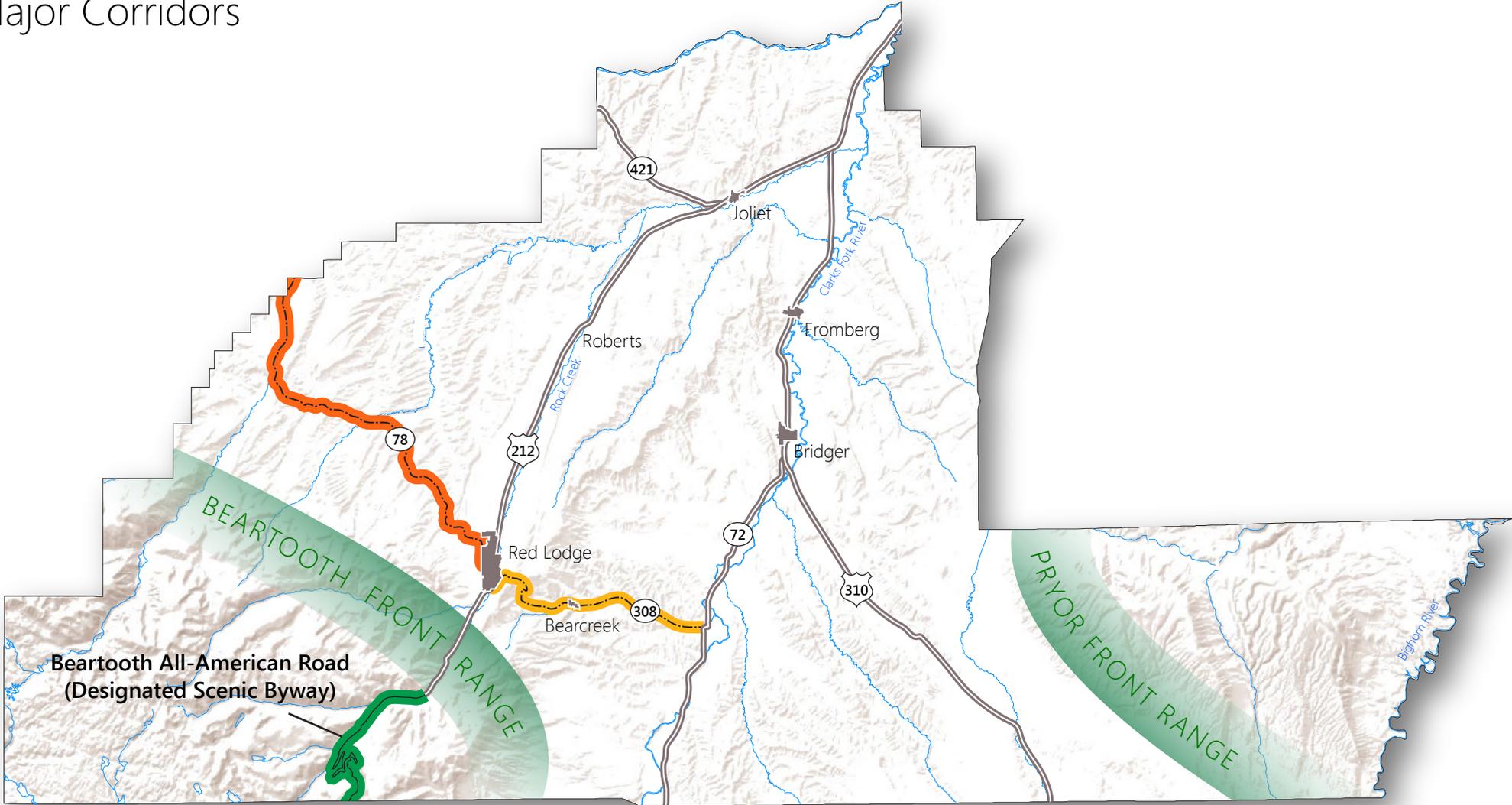


# Carbon County Parks and Conservation Areas



-  Conservation Easements
-  National Forest
-  BLM Conservation Area
-  State Park

# Carbon County Major Corridors



**Beartooth All-American Road  
(Designated Scenic Byway)**

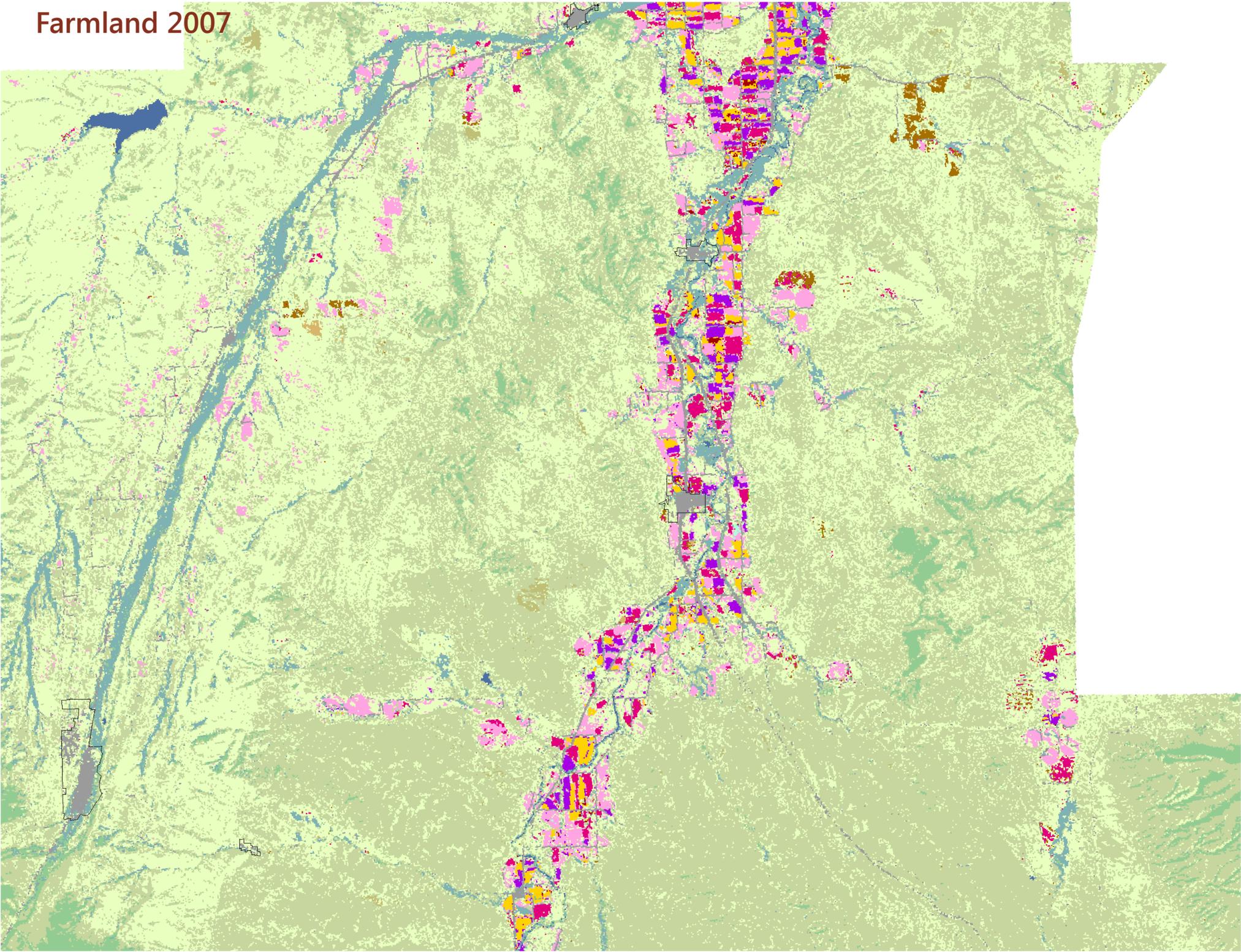
Protected Corridor



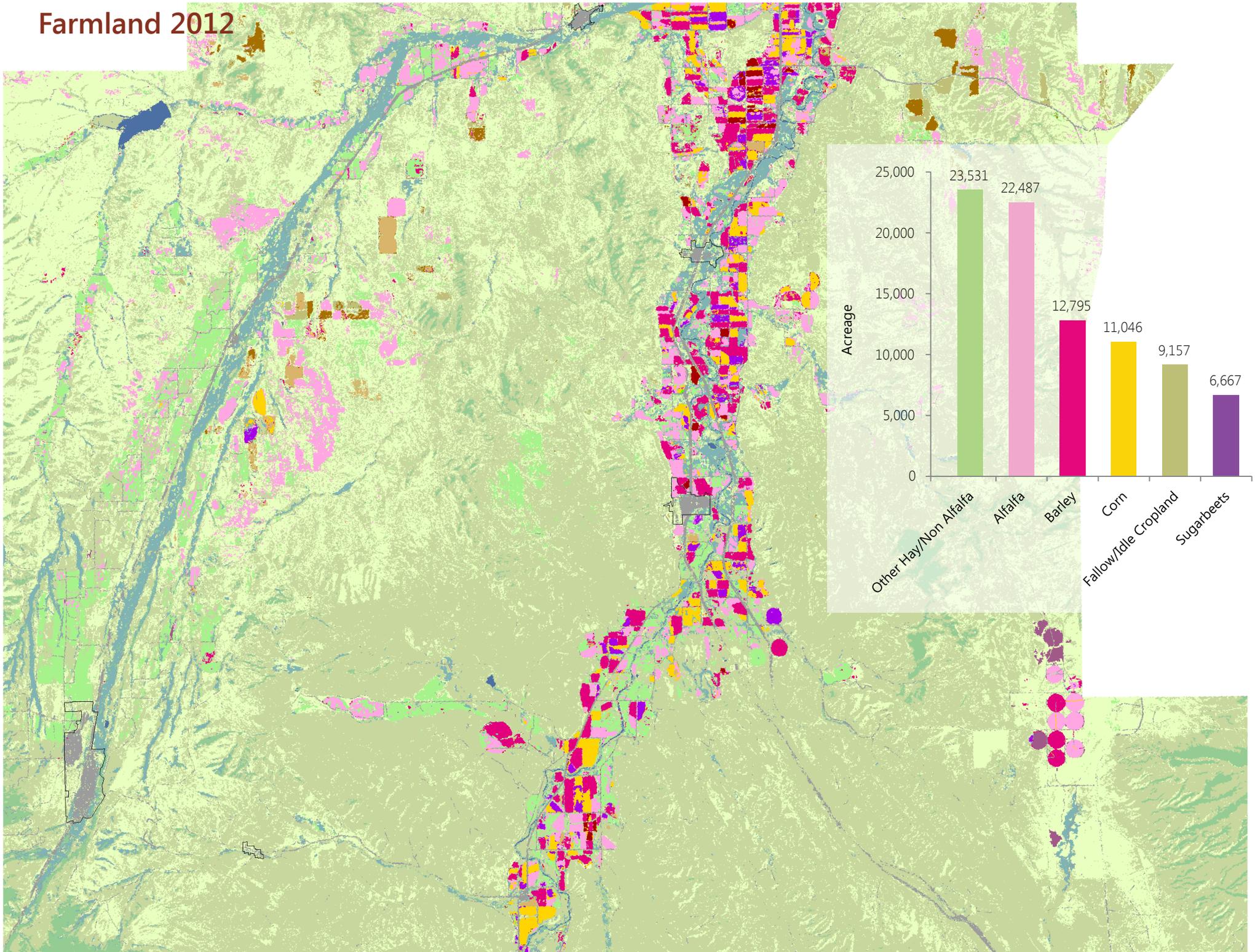
Corridors of Concern



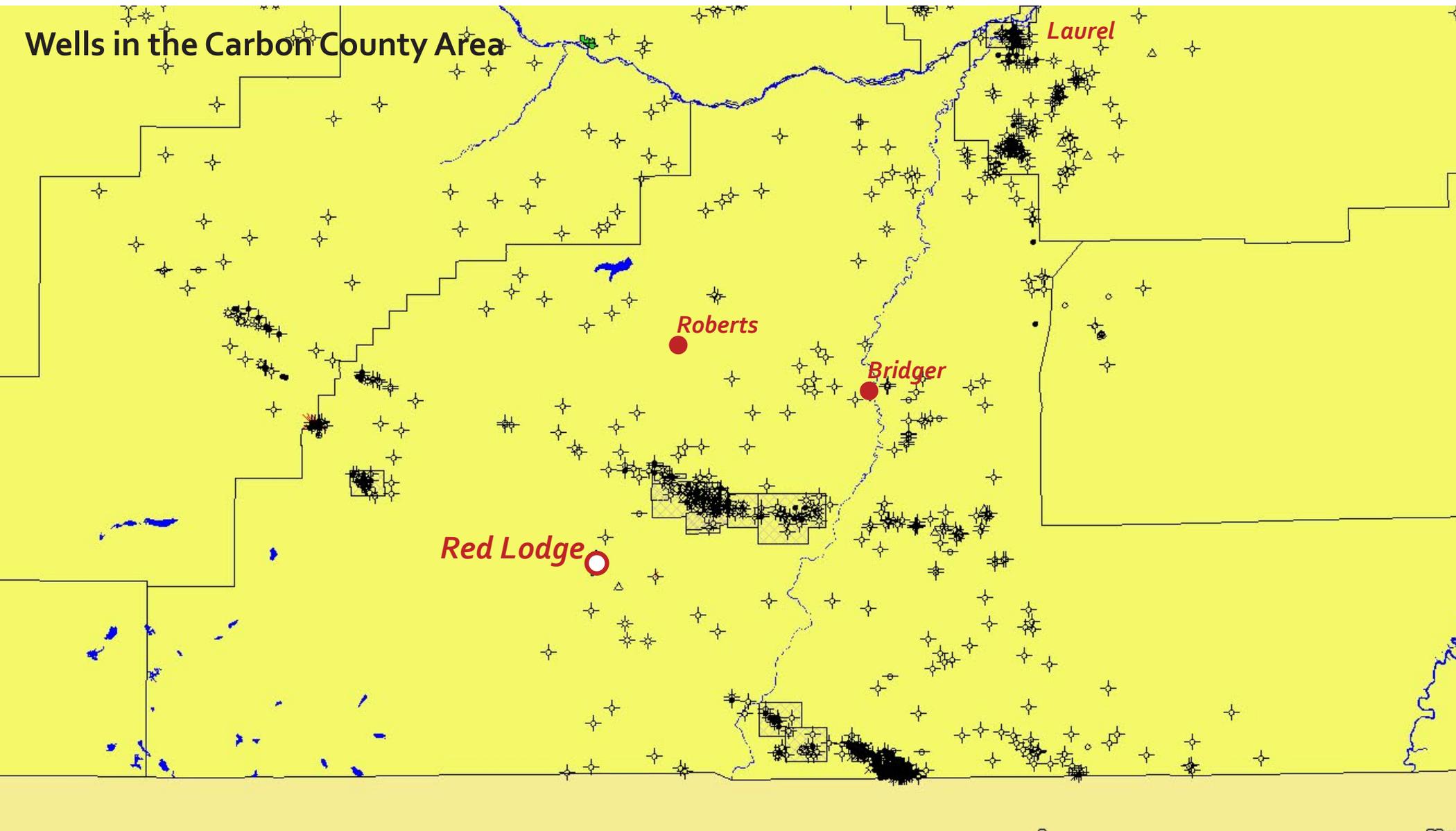
Farmland 2007



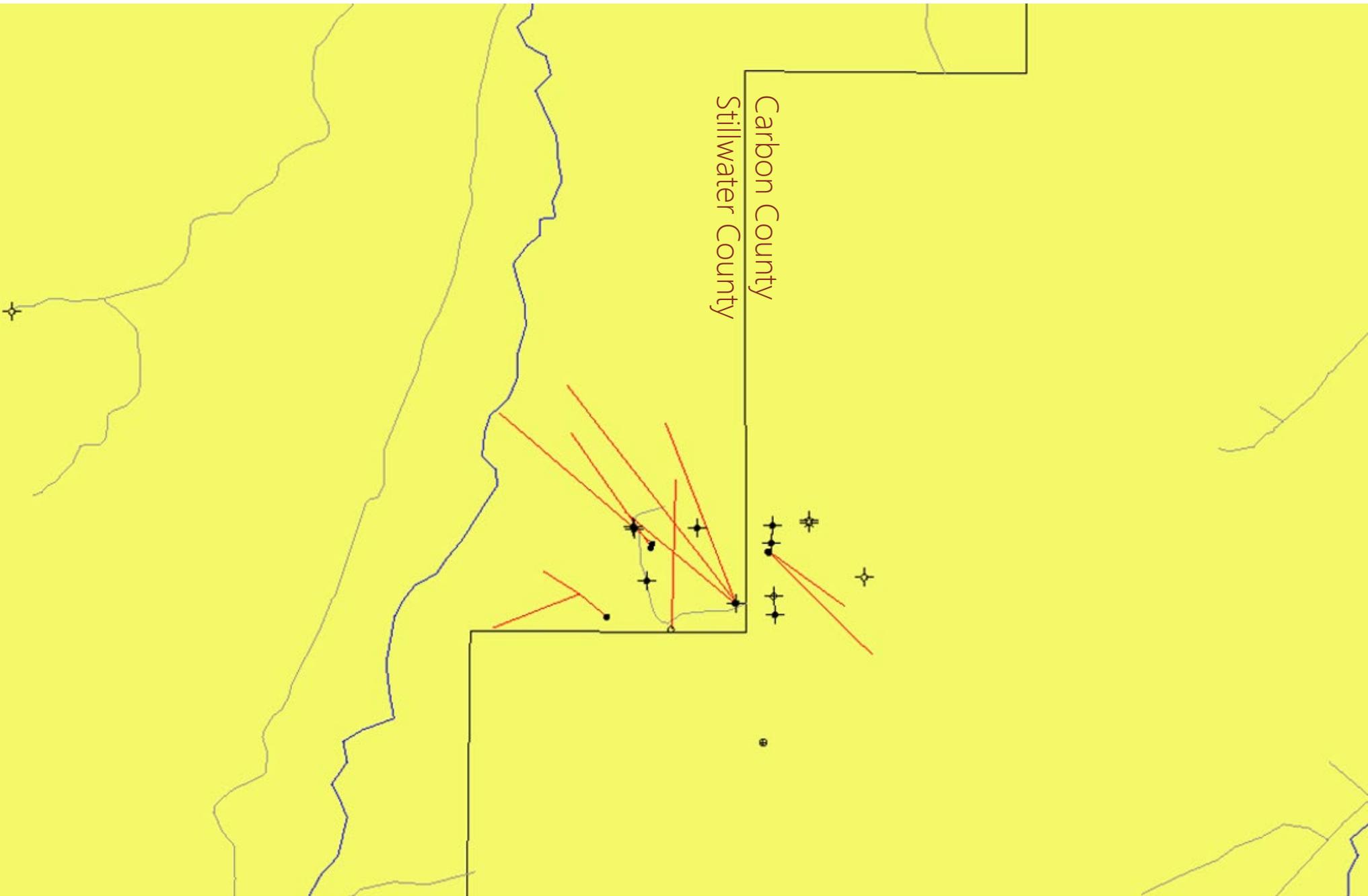
# Farmland 2012



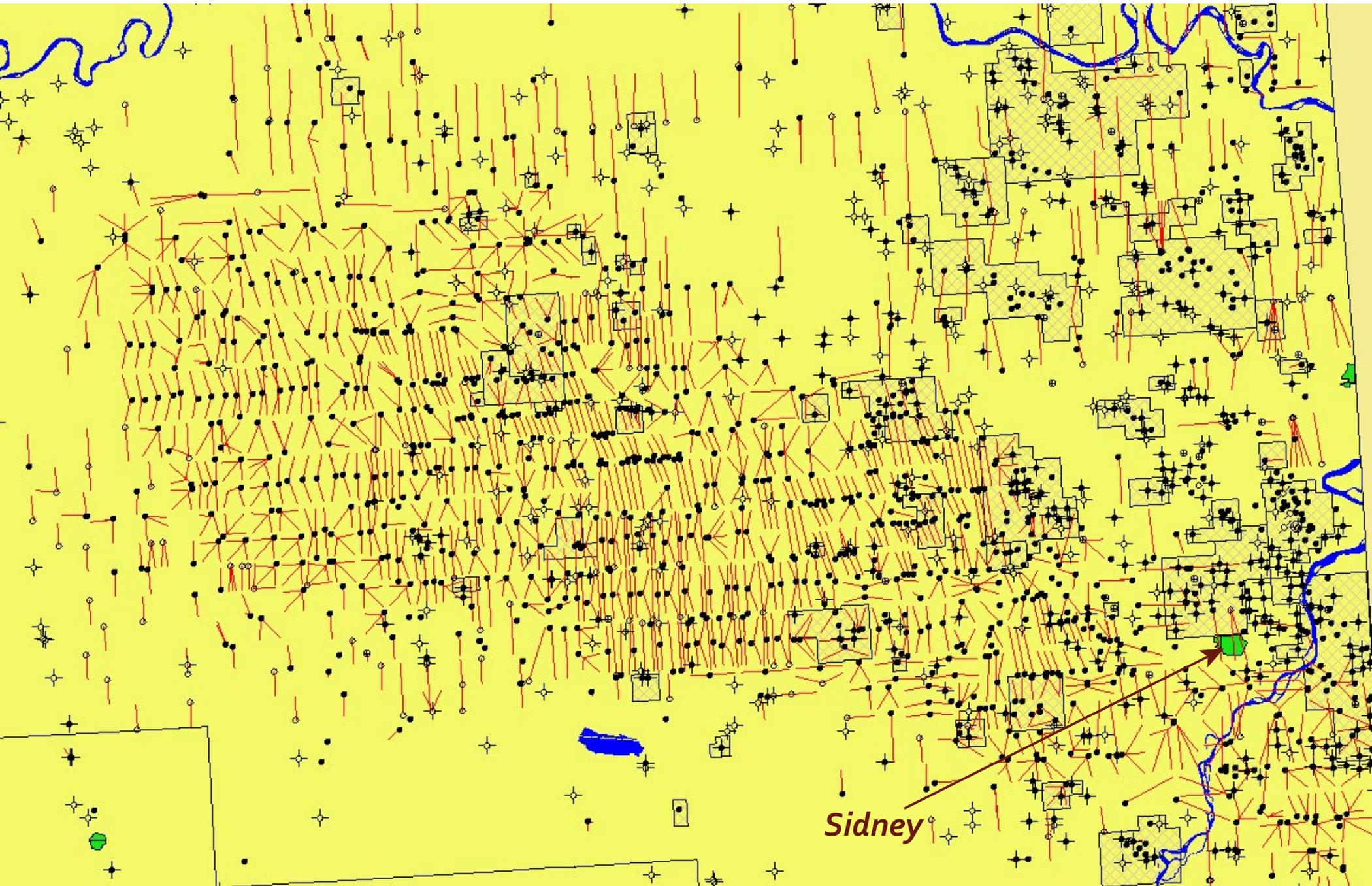
# Wells in the Carbon County Area



Carbon County  
Stillwater County



# Richland County



# Next Steps

