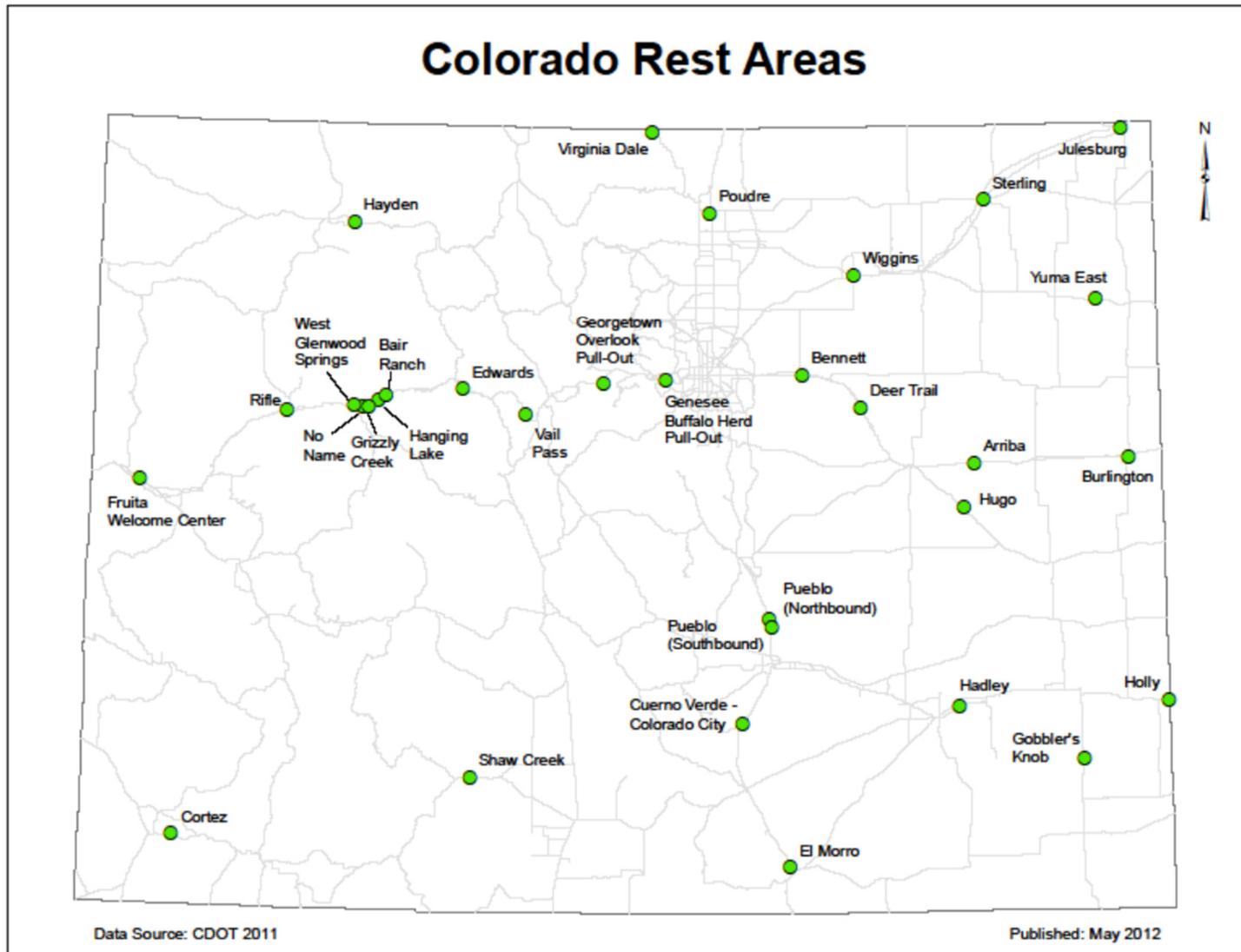


CDOT Rest Areas

May 2012 Workshop

- ▶ Overview of Rest Areas
- ▶ Guidelines for Decisions
- ▶ Preview of June Decisions
- ▶ Future Changes

Colorado has 32 Rest Areas



Amenities offered

- ▶ Restrooms - 30
- ▶ Picnic Areas - 29
- ▶ Handicap Accessible - 27
- ▶ Dump station - 9
- ▶ Visitor information - 8
- ▶ Trailhead access - 6
- ▶ River access - 5
- ▶ Point of interest - 16

Average Usage

- ▶ Ranges from 15,000 / year to 160,000 / year
 - Average 80,000 / year
 - Automobiles – 49% (ranges 78% - 10%)
 - Trucks – 39% (ranges 80% - 12%)
 - RVs – 12% (ranges 30% - 5%)

Maintenance Costs

- ▶ Range between \$40,000 / year and \$140,000 / year
- ▶ FY 11 total maintenance cost \$3.1 million
 - Average \$97,000

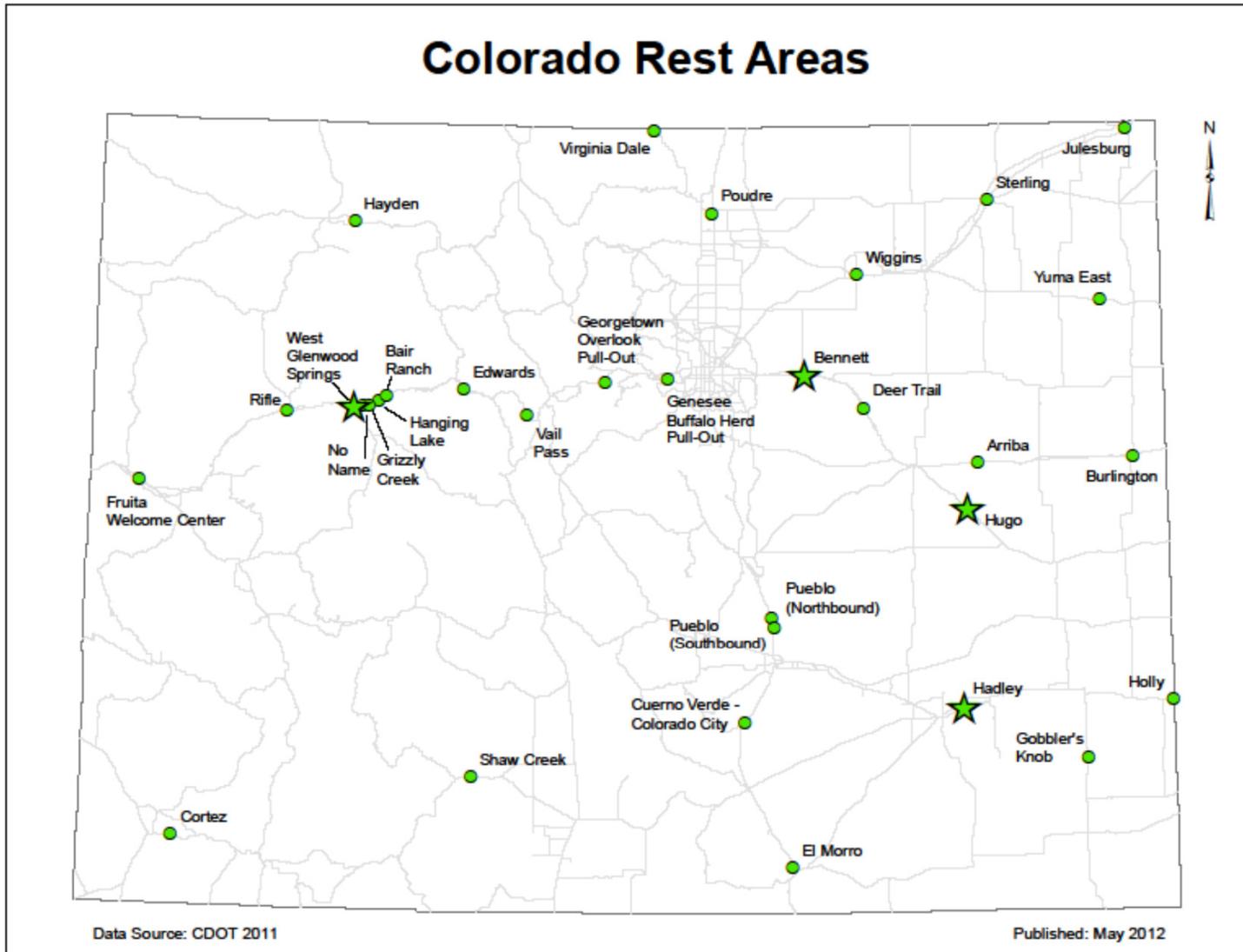
Closure Decision Factors

- ▶ Required Improvement Cost
- ▶ Distance to Private Facilities
- ▶ Distance to State-owned Rest Area
- ▶ Operating Cost per Visitor
- ▶ Miscellaneous Issues

5-Year Forecast

- ▶ Current Discussion on Potential Closures
- ▶ On-going Discussions on Rest Areas in Rifle and Edwards
- ▶ Major Investment in Vail Pass Rest Area
- ▶ Reminder of Value to Customers

Current Rest Areas of Concern



Potential Closure recommendation

▶ Bennett

- Close and reclaim
 - Cost \$150 K
 - Eliminates operation costs \$140 K
 - Saves \$500 K upgrade to wastewater system
 - Removes wastewater plant from system
 - Puts 1 FTE back onto the road

Potential Closure recommendation

- ▶ Hugo / Boyero (US 40/287)
 - Close
 - Cost \$85 K
 - Eliminates operation costs \$ 40K
 - Saves \$500 K upgrade to water and wastewater systems
 - Removes wastewater plant
 - Puts 1/2 FTE back onto the road

Potential Closure recommendation

- ▶ West Glenwood
 - Close – convert to emergency parking for Canyon closures
 - Cost \$100 K
 - Eliminates operation costs \$ 42 K
 - Saves \$100 K upgrade to wastewater systems
 - Saves \$100 K upgrade to acceleration and deceleration lane
 - Puts 1 FTE back onto the road

Potential Closure recommendation

- ▶ Hadley (US 50 between La Junta and Las Animas)
 - Close
 - Cost - \$ 50 K
 - Eliminates operation costs ~ \$84 K
 - Eliminates replacement of pumps \$40 K
 - Puts 1/2 FTE back onto the road

Future Changes

- ▶ Potential state legislation to prohibit the use of public land by private contractors.
- ▶ Potential Privatization of Rest Areas
- ▶ Continuation of “Greening” Efforts
- ▶ CDOT Policy on Rest Areas