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Westcliffe, Colorado (July 13, 2022) – Custer County’s new recycling facility will officially open to the public on Saturday, July 23 to help the community divert materials from the landfill. The new facility is located on the east side of the Custer County landfill and was funded by a grant from the State of Colorado’s Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE).

With the opening of the facility, community members will be able to start recycling aluminum beverage cans, steel cans, newspaper, cardboard, and plain white office paper instead of dumping these resources into the landfill. These materials selected are based on their value in the commodities market to maintain a free recycling facility for the public and could expand to accept more materials in the future as the marketplace for recyclables improves.

“We’re excited to provide new ways for community members to save money by diverting more materials from our local landfill,” said Cathy Lurie, Custer County’s new recycling program manager.

With the landfill rapidly approaching capacity and expected to be full before year’s end, community members are urged to take advantage of this free recycling drop-off of materials. The County is waiting on approval of their landfill expansion proposal with the CDPHE, but the county commissioners agreed that waste diversion is urgently needed now to not only extend the life of the landfill but to ensure that the landfill and the new recycling facility will become self-sufficient in the years to come.

The public is invited to help celebrate the opening on Saturday, July 23 between 9 am-noon with a brief presentation, food, a raffle, and other activities, which will be taking place at the new facility on Rosita Rd. Saturday’s event will be hosted by Custer County Recycles and High Country Recycling.

High Country Recycling, is a local program of Sustainable Ways, a 501(c)3 nonprofit, that helps fund recycling and secure volunteers for Custer County Recycles operations.

Custer County Recycles is a County-run operation responsible for processing select recyclable materials diverted from the landfill, decreasing landfill expansion needs and costs.

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