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To: Ronald Steg
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Draft 2018 303(d)/305(b) Integrated Report. My comments are as follows:

Upper Laramie Sub-Basin (HUC 10180010)

1) Page 100, top of page, discussion based on data collected in 2009-2010 and reported in 2015 for waters immediately downstream of the Laramie Waste Water treatment plant: a) I am aware that the City of Laramie has installed effluent wetlands between the waste water treatment plant and the river since data were collected by DEQ in '09/'10 and I do not believe that a "listing" for nutrients can be substantiated based on data collected 8 and 9 years ago, when on-the-ground conditions have changed. b) Regarding the listing for sediment, I believe Rock Creek is proposed to be changed from Category 4c to Category 2 in this same report and Rock Creek has the same condition of sediment aggradation exceeding the capacity of the river to transport it. How is this a different situation?

2) Page 100, paragraph 4 related to data collected by LRCD: a) data were collected for geometric means for E. Coli on all 4 sites noted in '13, '15 and '16, and additionally in 2017 for the Woods Landing Site (not just 2012). The Woods Landing site in fact, did not exceed standards for E. Coli in the consecutive years of 2016 and 2017, but the DEQ reporting deadline was put before the end of the 2017 summer recreation/field season, so in reality the Woods Landing site should come off the list.

Medicine Bow Sub-Basin (HUC 10180004)

Page 89, last paragraph: We agree that Rock Creek should be moved to Category 2 for the reasons discussed therein.

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