



Tentative 2026 CMLA Program

Program is subject to change. Breakfast included at hotels.

Tuesday September 15: CMLA cohort travels to Laramie, Wyoming

Accommodations: Laramie Holiday Inn

Evening: Informal introductory gathering

Wednesday September 16: University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources, Laramie, Wyoming

8:00am Busses depart Laramie Holiday Inn for Energy Innovation Center, University of Wyoming

8:30-9:15 Welcome, Introduction, and Goals for the CMLA

9:15-10:45 Strengths of the Cohort

Sallie Greenberg, Sallie Greenberg Consulting

10:45-11:15 Break

11:15-12:15 Workshop/presentation

12:15-1:45 Lunch (on campus options)

1:45-2:30 Landscapes, Communities, and Critical Minerals Development

Justin Loyka, The Nature Conservancy

2:30-2:45 Break

2:45-4:30 Lightning talks from member of the CMLA cohort

4:30-5:00 Introduction to group project

5:00 Busses depart for Laramie Holiday Inn

6:00 Welcome dinner at Rib and Chop, Laramie

Thursday September 17: University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources, Laramie, Wyoming

8:00am Busses depart Laramie Holiday Inn for Energy Innovation Center, University of Wyoming

8:15-11:00 Workshops/presentations

National Energy Technology Laboratory/DOE

US Geological Survey

11:00-11:45 Tribal Opportunities, Considerations, and Developments

Jessica Eagle-Bluestone, Geothermal Rising

11:45-1:00 Lunch Sponsored by Southern Company

1:00-2:00 Critical Minerals Leadership

Sallie Greenberg, Sallie Greenberg Consulting

2:00-2:15 Break

2:15-3:15 Geopolitics of Sustainable Supply Chains

Melissa Sanderson, Board member of American Rare Earths and the Critical Minerals Institute; Career Member of U.S. Foreign Service

3:15-4:15 Critical Minerals Case Studies in Wyoming

UW School of Energy Resources Minerals Team

4:15-4:30 Break

4:30-5:15 Fireside Chat: Utilization of Waste Streams

Nortey Yeboah, Southern Company

Fred McLaughlin, University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources

5:30 Busses depart for Laramie Holiday Inn

Dinner on own; grocery store and restaurant options available within walking distance

Friday September 18: University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources, Laramie, Wyoming

8:15-10:15 Workshops/presentations (Laramie Holiday Inn)

Charles Sims, University of Tennessee

Melissa Sanderson, Board member of American Rare Earths and the Critical Minerals Institute; Career Member of U.S. Foreign Service

10:15-10:45 Bus transport from Holiday Inn to Energy Innovation Center, University of Wyoming

10:45-11:45 University of Wyoming 3D Visualization Center: Drone and hyperspectral capabilities

James Amato, University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources

Kyle Summerfield, University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources

11:45-1:00 School of Energy Resources Distinguished Speaker Series (lunch provided)

1:15-2:45 Coal core workshop

Cole Messa, University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources

Tyler Brown, University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources

2:45-3:00 Break

3:00-5:00 Workshops/presentations

Dinner on own; grocery store and restaurant options available within walking distance

Saturday September 19: University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources, Laramie, Wyoming

9:00am Busses depart Laramie Holiday Inn for Energy Innovation Center, University of Wyoming

9:15-10:15 Place-based relevance of Critical Minerals Development and Community Engagement

Selena Gerace, University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources

Scott Quillinan, University of Wyoming School of Energy Resources

10:15-12:00 Workshops/presentations

12:00-1:30 Lunch (TBD)

Afternoon group activity such as optional hike at Vedauwoo

Dinner on own; grocery store and restaurant options available within walking distance

Sunday September 20: Travel to Northeast Wyoming

8:00am Busses depart Laramie Holiday Inn with lunch stop in Newcastle, Wyoming

2:00-5:00 Visit to Devils Tower (hiking options)

5:00 Group dinner near Devils Tower

Busses depart for Gillette, Wyoming

Accommodations: Gillette Holiday Inn

Monday September 21: Gillette, Wyoming

8:30am Busses depart Gillette Holiday Inn for Dry Fork Mine

9:00-12:00 Dry Fork Mine Tour

12:00 Busses return to Gillette Holiday Inn for group lunch

1:00-3:00 Workshops/presentations

Workforce development

3:00-5:00 Group presentations and discussion

Dinner on own in Gillette

Tuesday September 22: Gillette, Wyoming to Laramie, Wyoming

8:00am Busses depart Gillette Holiday Inn

9:00-12:00 Visit to Rare Element Resources Core Repository and Resource Area

Paul Bonifas, Rare Element Resources

12:00-5:00 Bus transport to Laramie with lunch stop in Newcastle

6:00 Group dinner

Accommodations: Laramie Holiday Inn

Wednesday September 23: CMLA cohort departs Laramie, Wyoming