) Single-stream recycling:  I know that YOU know all the problems with this, but here's a good article, with lots of citations.  <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/single-stream-recycling/> You can probably skip down to the paragraph entitled, "**Garbage in Doesn’t Mean Recyclables Out**."

2) Where is MWaste planning to send the single stream they collect?  Where does Grand Junction send theirs, or do they do some separation on site?  Does the transportation cost (dollars and carbon footprint) of sending the non-separated materials anywhere outweigh the cost of separating locally (assuming there's a market within reasonable distance for those, which apparently there isn't....)?

         MW will be sending the material to the Denver MERF (recovery and sorting facility).

         Grand Junction has both single stream and source separated. The single stream goes to Denver. The source separated goes to SLC and is subsidized by the City government (($500,000 yr)

         The carbon footprint is difficult because it depends on the volume of material, type of material and how its transported. Volume is key.

3) WHY is MWaste proposing to do this?

         MW is part of a common system of hub and spoke where several smaller communities send to a larger sorting facility that can sort and market out to more end-users. Glass in Colorado is just reused over and over for the brewing industry.

4) I believe I heard Mary McGann say that, regardless of what the city and/or MW decides, the local recycling center isn't going away.  I'm guessing... that a considerable percentage of the "profitable" recyclables (guessing again, aluminum and cardboard) come from city residents and businesses (tour companies?!), how is the recycle center going to survive??  And if it doesn't, where does that leave county residents?  Relying on MW again??

         I am not the best person to answer, but the County is already being offered the ability to single stream and use the drop off at Monument Waste. My recommendation would be to use the Recycling Center for a Re-Use Center ( i.e. wood, metal, paint, recycled concrete), e-waste, and/or composting,

5) Costs:  Obviously the council is most concerned with this, related to both the city budget as well as impacts on residents.  Here's my take (regardless of the size of containers provided or purchased by residents; and let's pretend I've never recycled anything).  And I don't have much info or opinion on businesses - except I think they should be strongly encouraged to recycle!

In the past, let's say that I have produced 100 somethings (gallons, cubic yards, whatever) of trash per week\*.  Now I decide that I should start recycling. My recyclable materials amount to 40 somethings per week.  Now, I have 60 of trash and 40 of recyclables. I "get it" that this will require two trips by MW (two trucks, two destinations).  But I have reduced my trash production, so either I should have a smaller container (but same number of trips by MW) OR, better yet, I can opt for every other week trash pickup, and likely every other week recycle pickup.  And it shouldn't cost THAT much more, overall.

         If a person has a two trash containers now ($23) and gets a recycling bin ($28) slightly more. If they already recycle than its comparable.