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(Wyo.)- Wyoming Governor Still Hopeful Taiwan President Will Visit

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CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) - Wyoming Gov. Mark Gordon says he remains optimistic the president of Taiwan will visit his state despite a recent skirmish between Gordon and the mayor of Cheyenne over the issue.

Gordon said at a news conference Thursday his staff remain in contact with President Tsai Ing-wen's office about a possible visit during Cheyenne Frontier Days, a celebration of rodeo and Western culture held every year in July.

Wyoming seeks to export coal and larger volumes of beef to Taiwan.

Cheyenne Mayor Marian Orr on June 3 accused Gordon of slamming his fists on a table and yelling a profanity at her during a meeting about the possible visit.

Gordon apologized for using foul language. Orr spokesman Michael Skinner says he's not aware of any lingering tension between Orr and Gordon.