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SENATOR ALLARD ANNOUNCES SAGE GROUSE WILL AVOID ENDANGERED SPECIES LISTING

Scientific studies show population doing well

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced Thursday that the director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has determined that the greater sage grouse should not be listed as a threatened or endangered species under the Endangered Species Act.

“This is great news for everyone across the West, highlighting this administration’s willingness to listen to the ideas and perspectives of the scientific community, as well as local and tribal governments and those most impacted by such a listing,” Senator Allard said.

“Listing of the greater sage grouse would have triggered a number of cumbersome regulations and costly land-use restrictions throughout the State of Colorado,” the Senator said.

The Endangered Species Act, passed in 1973, has produced mixed results: more than 1,100 species have been listed, but only 27 species have been delisted. In the view of many in the scientific community, none of these 27 species were recovered as the result of federal government regulations.

“By empowering local citizens to develop their own conservation plans and allowing them to work in partnership to strengthen the bird population, the species can be protected and the goals of the Endangered Species Act furthered without the need for federal government action,” Senator Allard said.

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