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SENATOR ALLARD INTRODUCES BILL TO CREATE RIO GRANDE NATURAL AREA IN SOUTHERN COLORADO

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) introduced legislation on Monday that would establish the Rio Grande Natural Area. The Natural Area would consist of pristine land encompassing a quarter of a mile on each side of the Rio Grande River extending from the southern boundary of the Alamosa National Wildlife refuge to the New Mexico state line. In addition, the act would prevent a federal water right from being imposed on the protected area.

“I think most Coloradans would agree that our state is the most beautiful in the nation, and the water flowing through our borders is its life blood. The passage of the Rio Grande Natural Area Act would designate a pristine area around the Rio Grande River stretching from Alamosa to New Mexico, and would protect our state’s water rights,” Senator Allard stated.

“This legislation brings to fruition a plan that Coloradans have been working on for years,” the Senator said. “It represents a collaborative effort among property owners, community members and elected representatives that takes into account key agricultural and environmental concerns. These disparate groups have joined together to protect the San Luis Valley and Colorado’s unique heritage.”

Senator Allard hit the ground running by introducing this legislation on January 24th – the first day Senators were able to submit legislation in the new session of Congress.

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