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SENATOR ALLARD INTRODUCES LEGISLATION TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

*Twin Owls bill protects MacGregor Ranch,
protects property rights, improves public access*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) introduced legislation designed to improve public access to Rocky Mountain National Park while protecting private property rights. The Rocky Mountain National Park Boundary Adjustment Act of 2005 will create a better access road and parking area for park visitors, and will protect the MacGregor Ranch, an historic, 132-year-old homestead adjacent to the park.

“I introduced this bill because it allows us to be good stewards of our public lands, while also protecting private property rights. It demonstrates that the concerns of private landowners and the need to safeguard our national parks are not mutually exclusive,” Senator Allard said.

Public use of Rocky Mountain National Park has grown considerably over the last few years. One of the increasingly popular spots is the Twin Owls Trail Head, which is now only accessible by traversing a one-lane dirt access road across the MacGregor Ranch. This heavy traffic affects the pristine, historic nature of the homestead.

“This is a common-sense piece of legislation that benefits the people of Colorado by increasing our ability to share these spectacular public lands and protect one of Colorado’s most historic and beautiful homesteads,” Senator Allard said.

The National Park Service has determined that a boundary adjustment would be in the best interests of the park, as well as the historic MacGregor Ranch.

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