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FOLLOWING MEETING WITH SECRETARY RUMSFELD SENATOR WAYNE ALLARD SAYS BRAC MAY NOT BE AS BAD AS PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, D.C. – After a meeting with Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) said that he believes this year’s round of the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process may not be as bad as some have predicted.

“Secretary Rumsfeld indicated to me that the 2005 BRAC process will result in fewer closures than we originally thought,” Senator Allard said. “While the secretary didn’t give any specific numbers, he did say that the percentage of bases to be closed or realigned is lower than was anticipated. The reason centers around the anticipated reassignment back to the U.S. mainland of troops currently stationed overseas.”

“I believe this is good news for Colorado. While there are no assurances at the beginning of a round of BRAC, we know our military installations are playing a vital role in the defense of our country, and we know Fort Carson is a premiere training facility,” the Senator said.

“In addition, the legislation Congressman Hefley and I introduced earlier this week, to create a buffer zone around Fort Carson and stop encroachment on its margins, should help make our case stronger,” Senator Allard said.

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