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**SENATE ENERGY COMMITTEE
APPROVES ALLARD LEGISLATION
TO DESIGNATE SAND CREEK MASSACRE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

Senator lauds quick committee markup

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Senate Energy Committee on Wednesday approved legislation introduced by U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) to designate the Sand Creek Massacre site in Eads, Colorado as a national historic site.

“I am gratified that the committee moved so quickly to approve this legislation. This historic site will provide a unique view of Colorado history and, just as important, commemorate the Native American tribal members who were killed in a dispute with the U.S. Army at the site in 1864,” Senator Allard said.

Similar legislation, co-sponsored by Senator Allard, was introduced in the 108th Congress and was passed by the Senate. Unfortunately, it did not pass the U.S. House. If enacted, Senator Allard’s legislation will allow for land that is acquired from willing sellers to be placed in a tribal trust in order to facilitate long-term management of the park. Senator Allard’s office has received a letter of support for this legislation from the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

“I am optimistic this bill will have smooth sailing through the Congress this year,” Senator Allard said. “This legislation will benefit all of Colorado, and safeguard a site that is not only historic but also sacred to the descendants of the individuals who were killed there.”

Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave of Colorado has introduced a companion bill in the U.S. House of Representatives. The Allard legislation will next go to the full Senate for approval.

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