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SENATOR ALLARD ENCOURAGES OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET TO PUBLISH LONG-TERM CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE STRATEGY

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) has joined the Colorado congressional delegation and legislators from several other states in requesting that the Office of Management and Budget promptly publish a long-term federal strategy for combating Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD).

CWD is a progressive neurological disorder that is lethal to deer and elk. It was first discovered in Colorado in 1967, and has subsequently been identified in several other states, including Wisconsin.

Over a year ago, the Departments of Interior and Agriculture submitted a plan to the Office of Management and Budget that outlined a federal strategy to manage and eradicate CWD. This strategy is still under review, and is long overdue.

Senator Allard said, “The game affected by this disease represent a \$1 billion segment of our state’s economy, and \$100 billion nationally. Colorado has been fighting CWD without adequate federal assistance for too long, and it is time for the federal government to issue a coordinated plan to augment state efforts.”

“I will continue to take the lead on controlling Chronic Wasting Disease in Colorado until it has been adequately addressed.”

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