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## ALLARD STATEMENT ON COLORADO SPRINGS BEING NAMED THE PREFERRED SITE OF NORTHCOM SAYS SELECTION “GREAT NEWS” FOR COLORADO

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO), Ranking Member of the Senate Armed Services Strategic Subcommittee, today praised the selection of Peterson Air Force Base in Colorado Springs as the preferred site by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to be the new home for NORTHCOM. The new Northern Command will focus on homeland security for North America.

“This is not only great news for Colorado Springs, but all of Colorado,” said Allard after being told of the decision to place NORTHCOM in Colorado Springs by Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld Wednesday morning. “The decision to place this new command in Colorado Springs was based on three criteria areas: a sound infrastructure, high quality personnel and overall costs to the taxpayers. Clearly the fact that Colorado is already the home to NORAD and the U.S. Space Command helped greatly.”

Allard also said the new command should have a positive impact on the Colorado economy.

“This new command should have a very positive economic impact not only the on Colorado Springs economy but the Colorado economy,” added Allard. “To what degree is yet to be determined, but NORTHCOM in the coming years will become an extremely important command and will only be one of nine commands worldwide for the United States.”