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ALLARD SEEKS VENEMAN'S SUPPORT FOR GOVERNOR'S DISASTER DESIGNATION REQUEST TELLS USDA OWENS REQUEST SHOULD BE APPROVED QUICKLY

Washington, D.C. – Colorado U.S. Senator Wayne Allard on Wednesday wasted little time in seeking support for Governor Bill Owens' request that Colorado receive emergency drought designation. On Tuesday, Governor Owens declared a statewide drought emergency for Colorado and asked federal officials for the disaster designation.

“We need to be prepared for the worst, while hoping for the best,” Allard said. “I am going to do everything I can to ensure that Governor Owens and state officials have the federal resources necessary to deal with the long hot Summer ahead of us.”

Allard, in a letter to Secretary Ann Veneman, asked that she act “quickly” in approving the designation saying that there is a threat to Colorado's “citizens, economy and wildlife.”

“Colorado faces a volatile drought and fire situation as we enter into the dry Summer season,” wrote Allard. “Recognizing the current and potential implications of this threat for the citizens, economy and wildlife of Colorado, I want to express my support for Governor Owens' request that the state of Colorado receive emergency drought designation.”

Allard also praised Governor Owens for his quick action in seeking federal assistance.

“Governor Owens' quick action and planning is putting Colorado in a very strong position to meet the very difficult challenges that Coloradans are likely to face this summer,” added Allard.

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