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## SENATOR ALLARD INTRODUCES NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM WILLING SELLER ACT LEGISLATION EXPEDITES COMPLETION OF NATIONAL TRAILS SYSTEM

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Thursday introduced S. 974, the National Trails System Willing Seller Act, in the U.S. Senate. This legislation will pave the way for the completion of our nation's most outstanding national trails.

“Growing up in Colorado, I had the opportunity to spend time in some of the nation's most breathtaking country,” Senator Allard said. “It's my hope that this legislation will help complete trail systems around America that will leave a lasting natural legacy for generations to come.”

The legislation will clarify the National Trails System Act of 1968 to allow the federal government to purchase land from willing sellers, providing a mechanism to complete several national trails. The Continental Divide trail, stretching from Mexico through Colorado to the Canadian border, is among the trails that await completion.

Last year, Senator Allard was successful in gaining Senate passage of his legislation, but the House of Representatives failed to act on it prior to its adjournment. This year, Colorado Seventh District Representative Bob Beauprez (R-CO) will introduce the companion bill in the House of Representatives.

“I look forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate, as well as Congressman Beauprez in the House of Representatives, to make this bill a reality,” said Senator Allard.

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