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## SENATOR ALLARD'S WILLING SELLER TRAILS BILL UNANIMOUSLY PASSED BY SENATE LEGISLATION WILL ALLOW FOR COMPLETION OF NATIONAL TRAILS

Washington, D.C. – The U.S. Senate on July 17, 2003 unanimously passed the National Trails System Willing Seller Bill (S. 651) sponsored by Colorado U.S. Senator Wayne Allard. The legislation provides federal trail authorities with the ability to acquire land from willing sellers, expediting completion of the national trails system. The legislation will now head to the U.S. House of Representatives for consideration.

Both House and Senate members have introduced various forms of this bill for nearly a decade. Senator Allard's legislation introduced in March of this year marks the first time the legislation has been passed by the Senate. Similar legislation was approved by the House of Representatives last year.

“The Senate's passage of the Willing Seller Act is a huge victory for thousands of citizens who have devoted their time and effort towards developing a trails system throughout the entire country,” said Allard. “This legislation is something I have been working on for a long time and it is very rewarding to see something so important to Colorado and the national trails system moving forward.”

“This marks a historical development in the National Trails System,” Said Bruce Ward, Co-Executive Director and a founder of Continental Divide Trail Alliance. “This a tribute to Senator Allard for his work in Congress as well as the tens of thousands of volunteers that contribute to the national Trails System.”

Additional information on this bill is available on Senator Allard's web site at [allard.senate.gov](http://allard.senate.gov) or through the Continental Divide Trail Alliance website at [www.cdtrail.org](http://www.cdtrail.org).

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