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ALLARD TO HOLD DROUGHT INFORMATION FORUM AUGUST 23RD MEETING TO PROVIDE FARMERS AND RANCHERS WITH HELP AND INFORMATION FROM FEDERAL AGENCIES

Washington, D.C.-Colorado U.S. Senator Wayne Allard and officials from the USDA, FEMA and the Small Business Administration (SBA) will conduct a drought information and assistance meeting in Pueblo on Friday, August 23, from 3:00p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Pueblo Chamber of Commerce, which is located at 302 North Santa Fe Avenue.

Joining Senator Allard at the meeting will be: Alan Green, State Director of the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS); Gigi Dennis, State Director of Rural Development; Lewis Frank, State Director of Farm Service Agency; Ross Davidson, Administrator of the Risk Management Agency which administers the crop insurance program, along with representatives from FEMA and SBA. Representatives from the Colorado Farm Bureau, Colorado Wheat Growers, Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, and the Colorado Livestock Growers will also attend the meeting.

“The drought has devastated Colorado’s farmers, ranchers and rural communities,” said Allard. “This meeting will bring together the federal and state agencies which are working to assist individuals through this very difficult time to answer their questions and direct people to the right agency for immediate help.”

Farmers, ranchers and others impacted by the drought will be able to obtain applications for assistance and get help filling out the paperwork by officials from the USDA, FEMA, and SBA during the meeting.

Anyone with questions about the meeting should contact Doris Morgan in Senator Allard’s Pueblo office at (719) 545-9751.

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