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SENATOR ALLARD: KEY COMMITTEE SIGNS OFF ON \$1.6 MILLION FOR PLATTE RIVER FISH RECOVERY, UPPER COLORADO RIVER RECOVERY PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, D.C. – WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) on Wednesday announced that the Senate Appropriations Committee has included more than \$1.6 million for river recovery projects in the FY 2005 Interior Appropriations bill approved Tuesday.

The legislation provides \$982,000 for Platte River Fish Recovery and \$691,000 for the Upper Colorado River Recovery Program.

“I am extremely pleased the committee provided the full amounts I requested for these projects. This demonstrates that the federal government remains committed to working hand-in-hand with the state of Colorado, as well as Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico, to complete these successful programs,” Senator Allard said.

“I have been working on this since 1999, when I sponsored the original legislation designed to create projects that would encourage the recovery of endangered species of fish,” the Senator said. “It will be gratifying to see these species returned to their historic numbers.”

The projects include the construction of additional hatchery facilities to produce endangered fish for stocking, restoring flood plain habitat and fish passage, the regulation and supplying of in-stream habitat flows, installation of diversion canal screens to prevent fish entrapment and to control non-native fish populations.

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