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AIR FORCE ADDITION OF BUCKLEY SUPPORTED BY ALLARD SAYS MOVE WILL STRENGTHEN COLORADO'S ROLE

Washington, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) today said the Air Force's decision to make Buckley Air National Guard Base the nation's newest Air Force base should be "welcomed." Allard, as chairman of the Strategic Subcommittee of the Senate Armed Forces Committee will have oversight over the Buckley Air Force Base.

"Today's announcement by the Air Force is a recognition of the important role Buckley currently plays in the defense of our country. As a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee and Senate Intelligence Committee, I can tell you Buckley has a significant role in defending our country." Allard said. "The move by the Air Force to make Buckley a full Air Force Base is an appropriate move and one that should be welcomed by Coloradans."

Allard said he had several conversations with Secretary of the Air Force Whitten Peters over the last few months about Buckley prior to the final decision being made on Buckley by the Air Force and he expressed his support for the move. Allard also said that at a time in which the military is looking at closing bases instead of adding bases it makes the Air Force decision on Buckley even more significant.

"The Air Force over the last decade has been looking at closing bases, not adding bases, so the fact they have chosen to make Buckley an air base is very significant," added Allard. "This move by the Air Force in the long run will only serve to strengthen the base and it's mission."

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