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Dear Colorado Leader,

As Colorado's United States Senator, I have traveled tens of thousands of miles around Colorado over the last four years to discuss the needs and priorities in Colorado's communities. I have visited each of our state's sixty-four counties several times and, with your input and assistance, established a set of goals for each of ten regions around the state that share similar geographic, economic and community characteristics. These goals, or regional plans, help guide my work in the United States Senate.

The following document describes my goals for Colorado's ten regions and provides an update on the significant progress we have made toward reaching them. These goals include:

- Supporting a strong agricultural economy
- Fighting for Colorado's land and water
- Building a clean energy economy
- Fighting for community development and our fair share of federal dollars,
- Making health care affordable
- Helping law enforcement create safe, secure communities.

I continually update these regional plans based on your input and the progress we make. I invite you to share your priorities for your region and to provide me feedback on this document.

I look forward to working with you to achieve these goals. Together, we will make Colorado a better place for us, our children, and our grandchildren.

Sincerely,

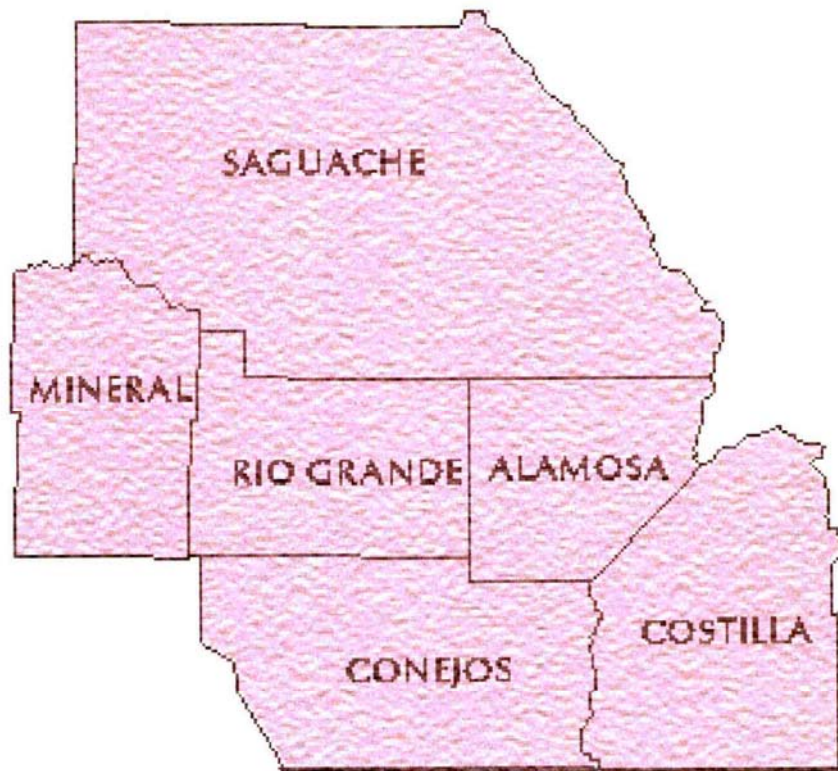


Ken Salazar  
United States Senator

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# San Luis Valley Region



**San Luis Valley Region**  
Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache  
Counties

**I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy in the San Luis Valley**

- Champion family farmers and ranchers through the creation of a 2007 Farm Bill with strong programs for rural development, renewable energy, conservation, nutrition, livestock and family farm and ranch support;
- Enhance specialty crops for the San Luis Valley, including new markets for potatoes;
- Protect Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in the San Luis Valley from closure;
- Create permanent agriculture disaster program, and fight for agricultural disaster declarations if the circumstances warrant.

**II. Fight for Land and Water in the San Luis Valley**

- Support the Closed Basin Project;
- Protect Colorado's Rio Grande Compact entitlement;
- Help with Rio Grande restoration efforts;
- Help with the Alamosa River restoration effort;
- Advocate for Summitville clean up;
- Promote and protect the Valley's three National Wildlife Preserves: Alamosa, Monte Vista, and Russell Lakes.
- Monitor the land use and permitting process regarding development of the Village at Wolf Creek;
- Monitor oil and gas drilling in the Baca National Wildlife Refuge and the San Luis Hills to ensure a balance between energy production and environmental protection;
- Monitor strategic plan revisions by the U.S. Forest Service, the Rio Grande Water Conservation District, the Division of Wildlife, and the Ecosystems Council that impact public lands.

### **III. Promote the San Luis Valley as a Tourism, Hunting, Fishing and Recreation Center**

- Support and promote the Great Sand Dunes National Park, including necessary improvements to the Park;
- Pass the Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area Bill and work on projects that promote the culture and history of the San Luis Valley;
- Work to stabilize the historic railroads in the San Luis Valley, such as the Cumbres & Toltec Railroad.

### **IV. Push for a Renewable Energy Economy in the San Luis Valley**

- Help attract a solar electricity generating facility to the Valley;
- Support biomass fuel projects, including
  - Costilla County biodiesel demonstration project,
  - Alta Fuels biodiesel;
- Support the development of a wind energy project;
- Work on increasing transmission lines for transporting renewable generated electricity.

### **V. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for the San Luis Valley**

- Support Highway 160 improvements;
- Keep Alamosa airport open;
- Fight for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding;
- Fight for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;
- Work for adequate Medicare reimbursements to sole community hospitals, including San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center in Alamosa;
- Support federal funding for economic development projects recommended by TEAM SLV, which is composed of representatives of all six San Luis Valley counties;
- Support Adams State College and Trinidad State Junior College;
- Support the San Luis Valley Boys and Girls Clubs.

## **PROGRESS UPDATE**

### **San Luis Valley Region Alamosa, Conejos, Costilla, Mineral, Rio Grande and Saguache**

#### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy**

- Championed successful passage of the 2008 Farm Bill for Colorado farmers and ranchers that:
  - Ensures that families know where their food comes from through country of origin labeling
  - Provides healthy fruit and vegetables to school children
  - Grows our energy and rural economies
    - Cellulosic biofuels tax credit
    - Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) for loans and grants
    - Biomass Research and Development
    - Investing in Hydroelectric Power
  - Reauthorizes and expands key conservation programs
    - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):
    - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
    - Conservation Security/Stewardship Program (CSP)
  - Provides mandatory rural development funding
    - Micro Enterprise Loans
    - Investments in Rural Broadband and Closing the Digital Divide
  - Establishes an agriculture disaster trust fund
- Protected FSA Offices
  - The Farm Bill kept three San Luis Valley Farm Service Agency offices open to serve producers.

#### **II. Fight for Land and Water**

- Protected Colorado's Rio Grande Compact
- Supported Closed Basin Project
- Helped with Rio Grande restoration efforts
  - Secured funding for the Rio Grande Initiative
- Helped lead efforts on Alamosa River restoration
- Protected National Wildlife Preserves
  - \$324,000 for construction and maintenance at the Baca National Wildlife Refuge (FY07)
  - Co-sponsored (Allard) S. 127 to define the purpose of the Refuge
- Monitored the development of the Village at Wolf Creek
  - Supported Forest Service conducting a new Environmental Impact Statement for the project

- Monitored oil and gas drilling to ensure balance between energy production and environmental protection
  - Requested the BLM to withdraw parcels in San Luis Hills from leasing

### **III. Promote the San Luis Valley as a Tourism, Hunting, Fishing and Recreation Center**

- Introduced Sangre de Cristo National Heritage Area legislation
  - The bill will protect and preserve historical, environmental, religious, cultural, and geographic resources within its boundaries.
- Promoted the culture and history in the San Luis Valley
  - Initiated a vision and mission statement for the Gateway to Colorado Culture Center. A task force has generated criteria for high quality cultural center locations.

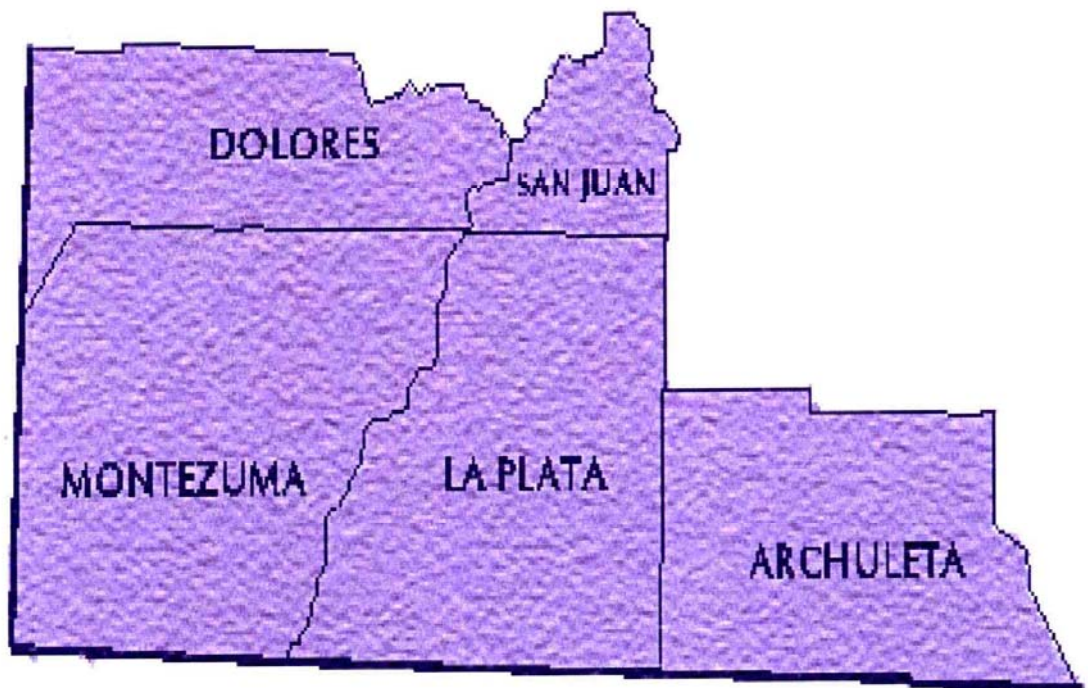
### **IV. Push for a Renewable Energy Economy in the San Luis Valley**

- Dedicated the SunEdison-Xcel Energy solar plant in Mosca
- Secured \$270,600 for the Costilla County Economic Development Council for a biodiesel production facility in Mesita
- Monitored Tri-State's proposal to build additional transmission lines out of the Valley

### **V. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for the San Luis Valley**

- Successfully fought for full funding of PILT (2008)
- \$2,214,800 to the Colorado Department of Transportation for resurfacing of State Highway 150 from U.S. 160 N. to the Great Sand Dunes
- Over \$100,000 to the City of Alamosa Police Department (FY 06 and FY 08)
- \$162,117 to the San Luis Valley Regional Medical Center for Improving Patient Safety through Health Information Technology
- Approximately \$100,000 for the Alamosa PD for in car video surveillance (FY06)
- **Initiated TEAM SLV** economic development group and supported:
  - Six economic development projects, including a community theatre building, an open press arts project, a fairgrounds project, a recreation center, a hotel restoration, a bridge for a town center.
- Helped keep open Boys and Girls Clubs for the San Luis Valley

# Four Corners Region





## **Four Corners Regional Plan**

Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, and San Juan Counties

### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy for Southwest Colorado**

- Champion family farmers and ranchers through the creation of a 2007 Farm Bill with strong programs for rural development, renewable energy, conservation, nutrition, livestock and family farm and ranch support;
- Protect Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in Southwest Colorado from closure;
- Create a permanent agriculture disaster program and fight for agricultural disaster declarations if the circumstances warrant.

### **II. Fight For Land and Water in Southwest Colorado**

- Push for completion of the Animas-La Plata Water Project;
- Protect the Colorado River Compact;
- Monitor the process for wild & scenic designation of streams and rivers in the San Juan Forest;
- Help with the rehabilitation of Jackson Gulch Reservoir;
- Oversee the proposal for building Desert Rock Power Plant in New Mexico;
- Support legislation and programs that protect and reclaim abandoned mine areas of Ophir and Red Mountain Pass;
- Work to enact “Good Samaritan” mine clean-up legislation;
- Advocate for balanced energy and mineral development and land rights issues within the HD Mountains of Archuleta and La Plata Counties;
- Monitor the proposed Haviland-Glacier Club land exchange on the San Juan Forest.

### **III. Promote Southwest Colorado as a Center for Tourism, Hunting, Fishing, and Recreation**

- Promote southwest Colorado heritage tourism and its unique natural heritage by helping to enhance the following crown jewels:

- Mesa Verde National Park,
  - Canyon of the Ancients,
  - Chimney Rock,
  - Restored mine sites of San Juan County,
  - Native American treasures and attractions on the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Reservations.
- Monitor the revision of the San Juan National Forest and Bureau of Land Management plans;
  - Monitor access issues on public lands including Canyon of the Ancients and Wolf Creek ski area;
  - Help fund recreation facilities at Animas-La Plata's Lake Nighthorse and at McPhee Reservoir.

#### **IV. Push for a Renewable Energy Economy in Southwest Colorado**

- Promote the bio-diesel plant in Dolores County;
- Promote bio-mass facilities in Pagosa Springs and on the Ute Mountain Ute reservation;
- Explore potential geothermal projects.

#### **V. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for Southwest Colorado**

- Push for the availability of in-state television stations to residents of Southwest Colorado counties;
- Push for access to the Internet and expansion of telecommunications capabilities throughout the region, including fiber-optics for San Juan County;
- Fight for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) Funding;
- Fight for Community Development Block Grant Funding;
- Fight for federal funds for transportation, including:
  - US 160,
  - US 550,
  - US 491.
- Help secure funding for public transportation to and from hospitals and clinics, especially for seniors seeking health care;
- Support reliable and affordable air service, through federal funding, for essential service to Cortez and Durango;

- Support communication and intergovernmental cooperation initiated by local governments, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, or the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe on matters of common concern.

## **VI. Help Law Enforcement Create Safe, Secure Communities**

- Help to ensure Montezuma and Dolores counties sustain and strengthen their fight against drug abuse and drug trafficking;
- Support increased federal law enforcement and judicial presence in the Southwest;
- Support cooperation among all Southwest Colorado law enforcement agencies including federal, state, county, city and tribal agencies;
- Support efforts to establish interoperability of communication systems among public safety and first responder agencies in the region.

## **VII. Make Health Care Affordable**

- Continue to support efforts to provide affordable, accessible health care for rural families through Critical Access Hospitals and primary care clinics;
- Advocate for the funding of four current medical clinics to become certified Rural Health Clinics that would provide health care for the more than 14,700 people or one-third (1/3) of the population that is underserved in La Plata County;
- Explore other federal funding sources, such as a Federally Qualified Health Center, through a long-term planning process;
- Work for adequate Medicare reimbursements to sole community hospitals, including Mercy Medical Center in Durango and Southwest Memorial Hospital in Cortez.

## **PROGRESS UPDATE**

### **Four Corners Region Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma, San Juan**

#### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy**

- Championed successful passage of the 2008 Farm Bill for Colorado farmers and ranchers that:
  - Ensures that families know where their food comes from through country of origin labeling
  - Provides healthy fruit and vegetables to school children
  - Grows our energy and rural economies
    - Cellulosic biofuels tax credit
    - Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) for loans and grants
    - Biomass Research and Development
    - Investing in Hydroelectric Power
  - Reauthorizes and expands key conservation programs
    - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):
    - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):
    - Conservation Security/Stewardship Program (CSP)
  - Provides mandatory rural development funding
    - Micro Enterprise Loans
    - Investments in Rural Broadband and Closing the Digital Divide:
  - Establishes an agriculture disaster trust fund
- Protected FSA Offices
  - The Farm Bill kept Farm Service Agency offices open.

#### **II. Fight for Land and Water**

- Pushed for the completion of the Animas-La Plata Water Project
  - Secured \$118,059,000 in funding from FY 06-FY08
- Helped with rehabilitation of Jackson Gulch Reservoir
  - \$166,000 for the Mancos Water Conservancy District for Jackson Gulch (FY06)
- Funded wastewater infrastructure
  - \$393,760 for the Town of Bayfield's wastewater facility upgrade (FY08)
  - \$10 million for the Ute Mountain Ute Project Wastewater Infrastructure (FY06)
- Supported conservation and wildlife
  - \$1,500,000 to complete the Banded Peak Ranch land conservation project (FY06)
  - \$500,000 for the High Elk land conservation project (FY06)
  - \$700,000 for the Upper Colorado and San Juan Endangered Fish Recovery Program (FY06)

- Oversaw the proposal for building Desert Rock Power Plant in New Mexico
  - Successfully requested additional public comment time for draft EIS
- Worked to enact “Good Samaritan” mine clean-up legislation
- Advocated for balanced energy and mineral development and land rights issues within the HD Mountains of Archuleta and La Plata Counties
- Monitored the proposed Haviland-Glacier Club land exchange on the San Juan Forest

### **III. Promote Tourism, Hunting, Fishing and Recreation**

- Promoted southwest Colorado’s heritage crown jewels
  - Passed the Mesa Verde National Park Boundary Expansion Act of 2007
  - \$1,575,040 for acquisition of the Henneman property at Mesa Verde
  - \$241,178 for historic preservation of Chimney Rock Pueblo

### **IV. Push for a Renewable Energy Economy**

- \$492,000 to the Council of Energy Resource Tribes for renewable energy cooperation

### **V. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars**

- **Pushed for availability of in-state television stations**
  - Introduced legislation
  - Met with Nielson Ratings CEO and advocated for Denver TV in the Four Corners area
  - Advocated with broadcast executives and the Denver Broncos
- **Successfully fought for full funding of PILT (2008)**
- **Fought for federal funds for transportation including:**
  - \$980,000 to the Colorado Department of Transportation for U.S. 491 (FY08)
  - \$4,800,000 for State Highway 145 between Dolores and Stoner (FY06)
  - \$9,000,000 for U.S. 160 at Wolf Creek Pass (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
  - \$6,800,000 for U.S. 160, SH 3 to Florida River (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
  - \$209,000 for bus facilities in Durango (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- **Supported reliable and affordable air service in Durango and Cortez, including these federal grants:**
  - \$39,000 for the Cortez Airport (2008)
  - \$7.6 million for the Durango-La Plata Co. Airport (2008)
  - \$5.3 million for the Archuleta Co. Airport (2007)
  - \$8.9 million for the Durango-La Plata Co. Airport (2007)
- **Supported funding education**

- \$120,851 appropriation to Fort Lewis College in Durango to expand postsecondary business education
- \$100,000 appropriation for school safety (2008)

**VI. Help Law Enforcement Create Safe, Secure Communities**

- \$133,950 for the 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District Drug Task Force
- Approximately \$100,000 for the Durango PD for in car video surveillance (FY06)
- \$493,500 for Ute Mountain Ute Indian Reservation for Native American Law Enforcement, Court System, and Detention Improvement Program

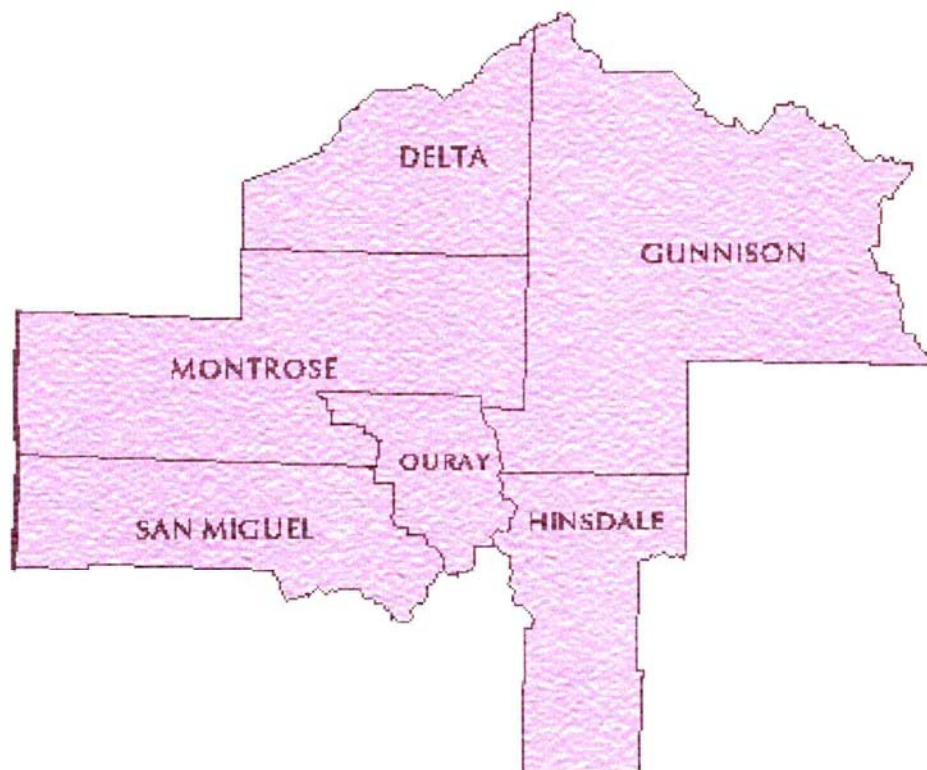
**VII. Make Health Care Affordable**

- Helped secure Health Professional Shortage Area designation for La Plata County
- \$286,899 to Mercy Health Foundation for a Primary Care “Safety Net” Clinic for La Plata County (2008)
- \$100,000 to Valley Wide Health Care Systems (2006)
- Worked for adequate Medicare reimbursements to sole community hospitals in the region resulting in an additional \$4,238,400 to Mercy Medical Center in Durango and \$109,054 to Southwest Memorial Hospital in Cortez for 2008.

**VIII. Other Support**

- **Grant Awards**
  - \$100,000- San Juan Skyway (highway funds)
  - \$25,000- Trails of the Ancients (highway funds)
  - \$150,000- Durango Head Start Programs
  - \$586,000- Ute Mt. Ute Career & Technical Education Program
  - \$500,000- Dolores Substance Abuse Counseling
  - \$51,000- Region 9 Economic Development Partnership Planning
  - \$24,000- SW Institute for Education
- **USDA Loans**
  - \$9.7 million- Empire Electric Construction of New Distribution Lines
  - \$4 million- SW Institute for Education

# HIGHWAY 50 WEST REGION



## **Highway 50 West Region**

Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray, and San Miguel Counties

### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy in the Highway 50 West Region**

- Champion family farmers and ranchers through the creation of a 2007 Farm Bill with strong programs for rural development, renewable energy, conservation, nutrition, livestock, and family farm and ranch support;
- Enhance specialty crops programs for the Highway 50 West Region;
- Protect Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in the Highway 50 West Region from closure;
- Create permanent agriculture disaster program and fight for agricultural disaster declarations if the circumstances warrant.

### **II. Fight for Land and Water in the Highway 50 Region**

- Protect water supplies of the Gunnison River basin;
- Monitor and protect Colorado's water entitlement under the Colorado River Compact;
- Continue to monitor the legal process seeking to establish a long-term management plan for use of waters from the Gunnison River in the Black Canyon National Park;
- Continue efforts to create the Dominguez Escalante National Conservation Area;
- Monitor the re-write of U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management resource management and travel plans;
- Fight for resources and policies to mitigate bark beetle infestation;
- Monitor emerging issue of Sudden Aspen Decline (SAD) within the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) and San Juan National Forests;
- Work with the Telluride community to preserve the Valley Floor;
- Work to enact "Good Samaritan" mine clean-up legislation;
- Seek Land and Water Conservation Funds for Ophir land acquisition;
- Work with Gunnison County and Crested Butte Community to monitor the impacts of potential molybdenum mine at Mt. Emmons;
- Work with agricultural community to foster cooperation between ranchers and farmers, federal, state, and local agencies in the management of threatened and endangered species (Gunnison Sage Grouse);



- Protect ranches in Gunnison, Delta, and Montrose area by supporting initiatives like the Gunnison Ranchland Conservation program.

### **III. Push for a Renewable Energy Economy in the Highway 50 West Region**

- Support renewable energy and efficiency projects in the region, including:
  - Woody biomass in Delta,
  - Hydro electric for already existing reservoirs.
- Support Delta-Montrose Electric Association's (DMEA) efforts to provide more renewable energy to their customers;
- Plan a Western Slope Renewable Energy Summit with DMEA;
- Work with DMEA to promote the use of geothermal heat pump technology through consumer tax incentives.

### **IV. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for the Highway 50 West Region**

- Secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;
- Fight for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding;
- Support developing a miner training program in Delta County;
- Fight for Transportation funding, including:
  - Maintenance and expansion of US 50,
  - Essential Air Service designations and funding in Gunnison, Montrose and Telluride.

### **V. Make Health Care Affordable**

- Fight for federal assistance to community hospitals in Montrose, Gunnison and Delta Counties;
- Work for adequate Medicare reimbursements to sole community hospitals, including Montrose Memorial Hospital.

## **PROGRESS UPDATE**

### **Highway 50 West Region Delta, Gunnison, Hinsdale, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel**

#### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy**

- Championed successful passage of the 2008 Farm Bill for Colorado farmers and ranchers that:
  - Ensures that families know where their food comes from through country of origin labeling
  - Provides healthy fruit and vegetables to school children
  - Grows our energy and rural economies
    - Cellulosic biofuels tax credit
    - Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) for loans and grants
    - Biomass Research and Development
    - Investing in Hydroelectric Power
  - Reauthorizes and expands key conservation programs
    - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
    - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
    - Conservation Security/Stewardship Program (CSP)
  - Provides mandatory rural development funding
    - Micro Enterprise Loans
    - Investments in Rural Broadband and Closing the Digital Divide
  - Establishes an agriculture disaster trust fund
- Protected Farm Service Agencies
  - The Farm Bill kept Farm Service Agency offices open.
- Assisted in obtaining grant and an extension for operating capital from USDA Rural Development for a small agri-business in Delta County

#### **II. Fight for Land and Water**

- Monitored and protected Colorado's water entitlement under the Colorado River Compact
- Continued efforts to create the Dominguez Escalante National Conservation Area
  - Introduced Dominguez Escalante National Conservation Area/Wilderness Bill
- Continued to monitor the legal process seeking to establish a long-term management plan for use of waters from the Gunnison River in the Black Canyon National Park
- Protected the Gunnison
  - \$842,646 for Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area

- \$476,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers restoration of the North Fork of the Gunnison (FY06)
- Pushed for resources and policies to mitigate the impacts of bark beetle infestation and Sudden Aspen Decline (SAD)
  - Organized a delegation-wide meeting in Washington DC in 2006 to draft a bi-partisan bark beetle bill
  - Senate sponsor of S. 2584, the Rocky Mountain FIRES Act
  - Letter to USFS which resulted in an additional \$500,000 for treatment
  - Worked with delegation and NWCOG to get an additional \$19,550,000 to treat an additional 52,000 acres through 2006-2008
- Worked with Telluride community to preserve the Valley Floor
  - Met with community leaders, citizens' groups and owner of the Valley Floor to explore equitable solutions
- Worked to enact "Good Samaritan" mine clean-up legislation
- Sought Land and Water Conservation Funds for Ophir land acquisition
  - \$850,000 for the Ophir Valley land conservation project (USFS Work Plan) (FY07)
- Worked with Gunnison County and Crested Butte Community to monitor the impacts of potential molybdenum mine at Mt. Emmons

### **III. Push for Renewable Energy Economy**

- Worked with Delta-Montrose Electric Association (DMEA) to promote the use of geothermal heat pump technology through consumer tax incentives
  - Sponsored legislation giving tax credit for geothermal heat pumps passed that was signed into law

### **IV. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars**

- Successfully fought for full funding for PILT (2008)
- Secured transportation funding
  - \$6,000,000 for arterial work west of Montrose (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
  - \$418,000 for bus facilities and service in Crested Butte (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
  - \$270,000 for bus facilities and service in Gunnison (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- Supported federal dollars for local companies manufacturing defense products
  - \$4,000,000 for Modular Ballistic Panels to Better Protect Soldiers from Mortar Attacks (Polystrand, Inc., Montrose, CO) (Defense- Army RDT&E)
  - \$3,200,000 for Combat Support Hospitals (Alaska Structures/Weathersport LLC, Delta, CO) (Defense- Army OP)

- \$6,300,000 to the DOD to acquire Combat Support Hospital Tents made in Delta by Alaska Structures (\$2,000,000 for FY07 and \$4,300,000 for FY06)
- Supported local law enforcement
  - \$272,600 for the City of Montrose for an emergency dispatch center
  - \$133,000 for the Delta/Montrose Drug Task Force
  - Worked with Montrose Methamphetamine Task Force, Marathon Oil and other local organizations to organize a full day of activities including presentations to over 1000 students at three middle schools, a lunch forum for over 100 elected officials and community members, and an evening public forum attended by about 75 individuals.
- Supported local education funding and support development of miner training program in Delta County
  - \$147,000 to City of Montrose for the Higher Education and Technology Park
  - Wrote letter of support for a Colorado Department of Local Affairs grants to the Delta Montrose Technical College to upgrade a building in Paonia and begin Mine Safety and Health Administration required training courses

# I-70 WEST REGION



**I-70 West Region**  
Eagle, Garfield, Mesa, Summit, and Pitkin Counties

**I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy for the I-70 West Region**

- Champion family farmers and ranchers through the creation of a 2007 Farm Bill with strong programs for rural development, renewable energy, conservation, nutrition, livestock and family farm and ranch support;
- Protect Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in the I-70 West Region from closure.
- Create permanent agriculture disaster program and fight for agricultural disaster declarations if the circumstances warrant.

**II. Fight for Land and Water on the Western Slope**

- Protect Western Slope water supply, use and development, by supporting appropriate basin of origin protections and the Colorado River Compact;
- Provide oversight of federal agencies to ensure balanced, responsible approaches to oil, gas, and oil shale and mineral development;
- Work to protect the Roan Plateau for hunting and recreation and minimize impact of gas development on wildlife resources;
- Continue efforts to create the Dominguez Escalante National Conservation Area;
- Support the City of Grand Junction and the Town of Palisade in their efforts to protect their watersheds from negative impacts caused by oil and gas drilling;
- Push for resources and policies to mitigate the impacts of bark beetle infestation and Sudden Aspen Decline (SAD);
- Closely monitor the re-write of U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management resource management and travel plans;
- Support funding for eradication of noxious weeds, such as Tamarisk.

### **III. Push for a Renewable Energy Economy in the I-70 West Region**

- Support the ski industry's efforts to implement "green" projects;
- Promote renewable energy projects in the region, such as:
  - Delta-Montrose Electric Association renewable energy and geothermal leadership projects,
  - Woody biomass projects in Summit County,
  - Holy Cross Electric's efforts to produce and purchase more renewable energy from local sources,
  - Efforts of local governments, communities and small businesses to build small hydro/woody biomass/geothermal/solar projects;
  - Efforts of local governments and communities to retrofit existing buildings to make them as energy efficient as possible.

### **IV. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for the I-70 West Region**

- Fight for Payment In Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding;
- Support funding of Community Development Block Grants (CDBGs);
- Fight for Transportation funding:
  - Work closely with local and state officials and community leaders on I-70 Corridor options;
  - Push for federal funding of transportation projects, such as:
    - US Highway 50,
    - Colorado 13 connecting to I-70,
    - Highway 40,
    - Colorado 9 from Frisco to Breckenridge.
  - Monitor and support the needs of transit projects throughout the region;
  - Support federal funding for Eagle County Airport, Walker Field and Aspen airports.
- Redirect surplus monies in Anvil Points clean-up fund back to counties and communities directly impacted by energy development in that resource area;
- Change the Administration's formula for splitting federal mineral leasing revenues back to a 50-50 split between the federal government and the states;
- Actively support local efforts to create business opportunities for local companies in the Uranium Mill Tailings Remedial Action Project (UMTRA);
- Oppose relocation of DOE offices from Grand Junction.

## **V. Make Health Care Affordable**

- Fight for rural veterans' health care, including support of the Grand Junction VA hospital;
- Work for adequate Medicare reimbursements to sole community hospitals, including St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in Grand Junction and Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs.



## **PROGRESS UPDATE**

### **I-70 West Region Eagle, Garfield, Mesa, Summit and Pitkin**

#### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy**

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  - Ensures that families know where their food comes from through country of origin labeling
  - Provides healthy fruit and vegetables to school children
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- Protected Farm Service Agencies
  - The Farm Bill kept Farm Service Agency offices open.

#### **II. Fight for Land and Water**

- Protected Western Slope water supply, use and development, by supporting appropriate basin of origin protections and the Colorado River Compact
- Provided oversight of federal agencies to ensure balanced responsible approaches to oil, gas, and oil shale and mineral development.
  - Included language in the omnibus spending bill that prohibited the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) from issuing any final regulations for commercial-scale leasing of oil shale and from offering any commercial oil shale leases during fiscal year 2008.
- Worked to protect Roan Plateau for hunting and recreation and minimize impact of oil and gas development on wildlife resources
  - Secured commitment from BLM to allow the State of Colorado 120 days to review Resource Management Plan
  - Introduced legislation to allow phased leasing and protect additional surface acreage on top of the Roan Plateau

- Continued efforts to create the Dominguez Escalante National Conservation Area
  - Introduced Dominguez Escalante National Conservation Area/Wilderness Bill.
- Supported the City of Grand Junction and the Town of Palisade in their efforts to protect their watershed from negative impacts caused by oil and gas drilling
  - Worked with the BLM and others for a consensus plan between the Town of Palisade, City of Grand Junction, federal agencies, industry and other key stakeholders before development of the watershed could proceed.
- Pushed for resources and policies to mitigate the impacts of bark beetle infestation and Sudden Aspen Decline
  - Organized a delegation meeting in Washington DC in 2006 to draft a bi-partisan bark beetle bill
  - Senate sponsor of S. 2584, the Rocky Mountain FIRES Act
  - Letter to USFS which resulted in an additional \$500,000 for treatment
  - Worked with delegation and NWCOG to get an additional \$19,550,000 to treat an additional 52,000 acres through 2006-2008
- Support funding for eradication of noxious weeds, such as Tamarisk.
  - \$485,000 for Army Corps of Engineers Tamarisk Eradication on Western Slope (\$85,000 for FY07 and \$400,000 for FY06)

### **III. Push for a Renewable Energy Economy**

- Supported ski industry's efforts to implement "green" projects
  - Helped dedicate Aspen Ski Company's solar project in Carbondale
- Hosted a biomass conference in Frisco in December 2006 with local elected officials, industry and federal officials to discuss uses for beetle killed trees.

### **IV. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars**

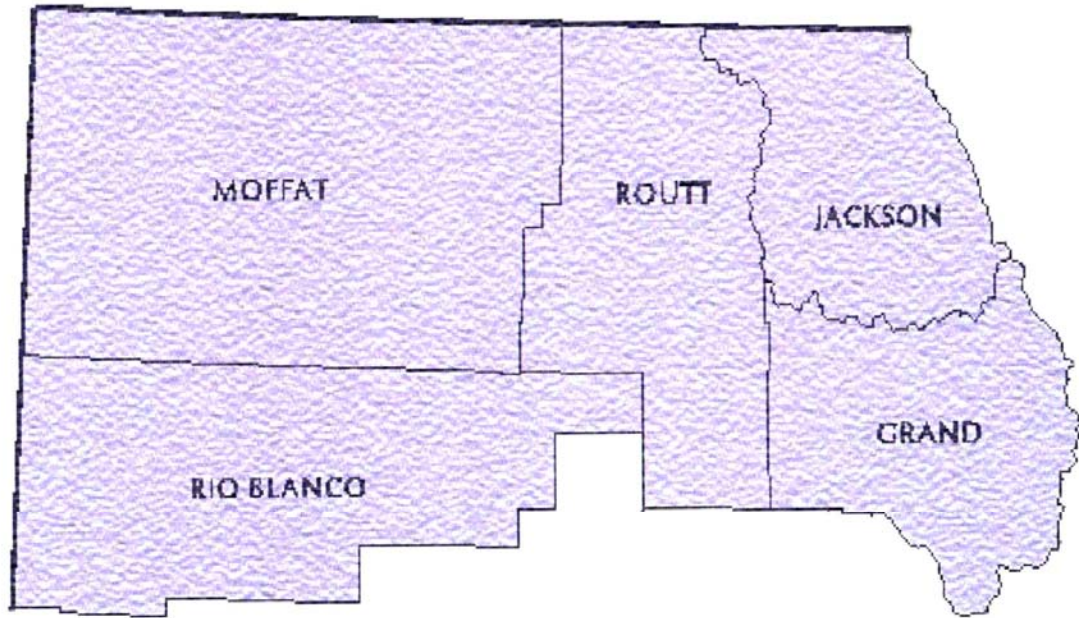
- Successfully fought for full funding of PILT (2008)
- Secured Transportation Funding
  - I-70 West and Snowmass, Summit County, Avon, Gunnison RTA, Breckenridge, Grand Valley, Vail, Eagle County, and Roaring Fork transit systems to benefit from the \$5 Million appropriated for the Colorado Transit Coalition, the state transit coalition, to be allocated for bus transit services and facilities among the 29 partners of the Coalition
  - \$1,000,000 for the Town of Frisco Main Street re-construction (T-THUD:FHA)
  - \$30,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers 27<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge project in Glenwood Springs (E&W:ACE)
  - \$343,000 to Eagle County Regional Airport for runway extension
  - \$882,000 to Colorado Department of Transportation for Walker Field

- \$980,000 to Colorado Department of Transportation for State Highway 9 from Frisco to Breckenridge
- \$500,000 for a wildlife overpass EIS in Eagle County (FY06)
- \$6,200,000 for I-70 W Mountain Corridor, Denver to Garfield County (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$2,000,000 for U.S. 24 at Tennessee Pass (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$1,212,000 for bus facilities and service in Aspen/ Roaring Fork Transit (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$1,000,000 for the Glenwood Springs Bridge (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$250,000 for bus facilities and service at Snowmass Village (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$1,680,000 for the Roaring Fork Transportation Authority for 4 hybrid diesel/electric low-floor buses (FY07) (GRANT)
- \$466,280 Department of Transportation Alternative Transportation Grant for Roaring Fork Transportation Authority (FY06) (GRANT)
- Fought to redirect surplus monies in Anvil Point clean-up fund to impacted counties
  - Introduced legislation
- Fought to change Administration's formula for splitting federal leasing revenues back to 50-50 split
  - Introduced legislation
- Supported funding for law enforcement
  - \$89,300 to the Eagle County Sheriff's Office for the Eagle County Drug Task Force (2008)
  - Approximately \$100,000 for the Grand Junction PD for in car video surveillance (FY 06)
- Opposed relocation of DOE offices from Grand Junction

## **V. Make Health Care Affordable**

- Successfully worked for adequate Medicare reimbursements to sole community hospitals resulting in an additional \$1,360,641 to St. Mary's Hospital and Medical Center in Grand Junction, \$925,513 to Valley View Hospital in Glenwood Springs and \$2,279,733 to Vail Valley Medical Center in Vail
- \$421,505 to St. Mary's Hospital Foundation for facilities and equipment for the Saccomanno Education Center
- Held a field hearing of the Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs in Grand Junction, CO to better understand and address the concerns of Colorado's rural veterans.

# NORTHWEST REGION



## **Northwest Region**

Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco, and Routt Counties

### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy in Northwest Colorado**

- Champion family farmers and ranchers through the creation of a 2007 Farm Bill with strong programs for rural development, renewable energy, conservation, nutrition, livestock and family support;
- Protect Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in Northwest Colorado from closure.

### **II. Fight to Protect Land and Water in Northwest Colorado**

- Protect Western Slope water supply, use, and development by:
  - Supporting appropriate basin of origin protections,
  - Protecting the Colorado River Compact,
  - Monitoring Yampa River proposed diversions to the Front Range,
  - Monitoring endangered fish recovery in Yampa River.
- Closely monitor the federal process used to develop long range management plans on federal lands including:
  - White River Forest Management Plan,
  - Little Snake Resource Management Plan,
  - Development of Vermillion Basin.
- Provide oversight of federal agencies to ensure balanced, responsible approaches to oil shale development;
- Promote renewable energy projects for the region, including:
  - Efforts by private individuals to develop biofuels industry in rural Northwest Colorado,
  - Woody biomass projects in Jackson and Grand County.
- Monitor Brown's Park Refuge and Arapaho Wildlife Refuge land issues;
- Continue to develop resources and policies to mitigate impacts of bark beetle infestation.

### **III. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for Northwest Colorado**

- Fight for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;
- Support Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding;

- Fight for Transportation Funding:
  - US 40,
  - Colorado 13 (between I-70 and I-80),
  - Essential Air Service designation and funding for Yampa Valley Regional airport.
- Support efforts to fund Senior Center in Walden.

#### **IV. Make Health Care Affordable**

- Push for Veterans Health Care Clinic in Northwest Colorado;
- Help ensure that rural Colorado has adequate access to mental health medical services;
- Work for adequate Medicare reimbursements to sole community hospitals, including Pioneers Hospital in Meeker, Yampa Valley Medical Center in Steamboat Springs, and the Memorial Hospital in Craig;
- Help the American Legion create a Veterans Rehabilitation Center in Craig.

## **PROGRESS UPDATE**

### **Northwest**

Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt

#### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy**

- Championed successful passage of the 2008 Farm Bill for Colorado farmers and ranchers that:
  - Ensures that families know where their food comes from through country of origin labeling
  - Provides healthy fruit and vegetables to school children
  - Grows our energy and rural economies
    - Cellulosic biofuels tax credit
    - Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) for loans and grants
    - Biomass Research and Development
    - Investing in Hydroelectric Power
  - Reauthorizes and expands key conservation programs
    - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):
    - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):
    - Conservation Security/Stewardship Program (CSP)
  - Provides mandatory rural development funding
    - Micro Enterprise Loans
    - Investments in Rural Broadband and Closing the Digital Divide:
  - Establishes an agriculture disaster trust fund
- Protected Farm Service Agencies
  - The Farm Bill kept Farm Service Agency offices open.

#### **II. Fight for Land and Water**

- Protected Western Slope water supply, use, and development by:
  - Supporting appropriate basin of original protections
  - Protecting the Colorado River Compact
  - Monitoring Yampa River proposed diversions to the Front Range
  - Monitoring endangered fish recovery in Yampa River
- Monitored development of management plans for
  - White River Forest Management Plan
  - Little Snake Resource Management Plan
  - Development of Vermillion Basin
- Provided oversight of federal agencies to ensure balanced, responsible approaches to oil shale development
  - Included language in the omnibus spending bill that prohibited the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) from issuing any final regulations for commercial-scale leasing of oil shale and from offering any commercial oil shale leases during fiscal year 2008

- Promoted renewable energy projects for the region
  - Rocky Mountain Pellets in Walden
  - Confluence Energy Pellet Plant in Kremmling
- Continued to develop resources and policies to mitigate impacts of bark beetle infestation
  - Organized a delegation meeting in Washington DC in 2006 to draft a bi-partisan bark beetle bill.
  - Senate sponsor of S. 2584, the Rocky Mountain FIRES Act.
  - Letter to USFS which resulted in an additional \$500,000 for treatment.
  - Worked with delegation and NWCOG to get an additional \$19,550,000 to treat an additional 52,000 acres through 2006-2008.
  - Hosted a biomass conference in Frisco in December 2006 with local elected officials, industry and federal officials to discuss uses for beetle killed trees.
- Introduced bill to establish national wilderness area in Rocky Mountain National Park
- Supported the Emerald Mountain land exchange

### **III. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars**

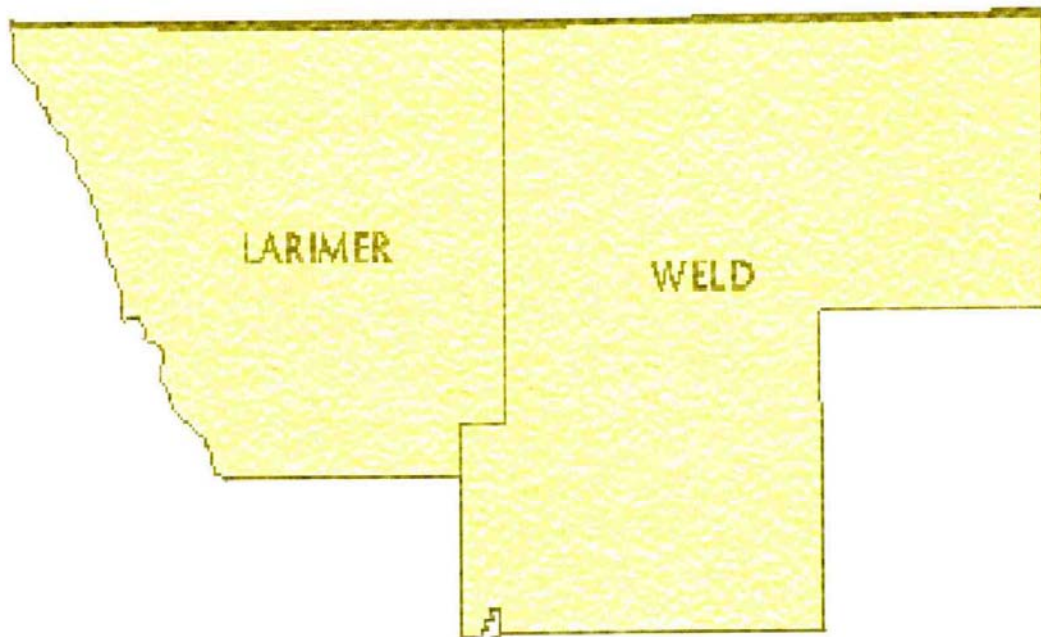
- Successfully fought for full funding of PILT (2008)
- Secured transportation funding
  - \$490,000 to the Colorado Department of Transportation for State Highway 13.
  - \$627,000 for bus facilities and service in Steamboat Springs (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- Secured law enforcement funding
  - \$89,300 for the Greater Routt and Moffat Narcotics Enforcement Team (GRAMNET)

### **IV. Make Health Care Affordable**

- Successfully worked for adequate Medicare reimbursement to sole community hospitals resulting in an additional \$1,664,198 to Yampa Valley Medical Center in Steamboat Springs (2008)
- Fought for and secured a veteran's Community Based Outpatient Clinic in Craig
- \$118,886 to the Northwest Colorado Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. for Northwest Colorado Community Health Services
- Supported Haven Senior Center in Hayden
- Supported North Park Medical Clinic that opened in August 2008



# NORTH CENTRAL REGION



## **North Central Region**

### **Larimer and Weld Counties**

#### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy in the North Central Region**

- Champion family farmers and ranchers through the creation of a 2007 Farm Bill with strong programs for rural development, renewable energy, conservation, nutrition, livestock and family farm and ranch support;
- Protect Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in Larimer and Weld Counties from closure;
- Create permanent agriculture disaster program and fight for agricultural disaster declarations if the circumstances warrant.

#### **II. Fight for Land and Water in Northern Colorado**

- Create a national wilderness area at Rocky Mountain National Park;
- Continue support for the Cache la Poudre Heritage Area;
- Support environmentally sound efforts to meet the water needs of agriculture and a burgeoning population in Northern Colorado;
- Monitor proposed development of uranium mine in Weld County.

#### **III. Help Make Northern Colorado a Hub for Renewable Energy**

- Support energy development collaboration between Colorado State University, the University of Colorado, the Colorado School of Mines, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory;
- Support the establishment of ethanol plants in northern Colorado, such as:
  - Windsor ethanol plant, and
  - Evans ethanol plant.
- Support the development of wind energy in northern Colorado, such as
  - CSU's wind farm at Maxwell Ranch,
  - Cedar Creek Wind Project near Grover, in Weld County.
- Help recruit and promote renewable energy businesses, such as Vestas wind blade facility.

#### **IV. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for North Central Colorado**

- Fight for Transportation Funding:
  - For I-25 interchange improvements in high-traffic areas, and for transit options for travel within and between northern communities;
  - To support expansion of transit options along College Avenue in Fort Collins and additional vans to take commuters from Loveland and Fort Collins to Denver.
- Help communities define a regional approach to transportation and transit needs;
- Support for Front Range Commuter Rail;
- Fight for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding;
- Secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding.

#### **V. Help Realize Vision for Educational Excellence in Northern Colorado**

- Support continued funding and highlighting of the unique expertise and quality programs at:
  - Colorado State University,
  - University of Northern Colorado,
  - Front Range Community College, and
  - Aims Community College.
- Assist school districts and BOCES with distance learning funding through USDA Rural Development.

#### **VI. Make Health Care Affordable**

- Work to expand telemedicine efforts and programs, including assisting Banner Health/Northern Colorado Medical Center with plans to expand applications within the region and eastern Colorado.

## **PROGRESS UPDATE**

### **North Central Region**

Larimer and Weld

#### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy**

- Championed successful passage of the 2008 Farm Bill for Colorado farmers and ranchers that:
  - Ensures that families know where their food comes from through country of origin labeling
  - Provides healthy fruit and vegetables to school children
  - Grows our energy and rural economies
    - Cellulosic biofuels tax credit
    - Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) for loans and grants
    - Biomass Research and Development
    - Investing in Hydroelectric Power
  - Reauthorizes and expands key conservation programs
    - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):
    - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):
    - Conservation Security/Stewardship Program (CSP)
  - Provides mandatory rural development funding
    - Micro Enterprise Loans
    - Investments in Rural Broadband and Closing the Digital Divide:
  - Establishes an agriculture disaster trust fund
- Protected Farm Service Agencies
  - The Farm Bill kept Farm Service Agency offices open.
- Secured funding for agriculture related research at Colorado State University, Fort Collins including:
  - \$228,390 for Russian Wheat Aphid Research
  - \$608,709 for Infectious Animal Disease Research
  - \$655,380 for the National Beef Cattle Genetic Evaluation Consortium
  - \$1,610,646 for the Global Change/ Ultraviolet Radiation Study

#### **II. Fight for Land and Water**

- Rocky Mountain National Park
  - Introduced bill to establish national wilderness area in Rocky Mountain National Park
  - \$2,773,055 for construction at Rocky Mountain National Park
- Introduced legislation for the Cache la Poudre Heritage Area
- Met water needs
  - \$654,000 for water management activities in the South Platte River Basin

- \$268,632 to the Chatfield, Cherry Creek and Bear Creek Reservoirs for the Army Corps of Engineers General Investigations Study (Chatfield Relocation)
- \$295,320 for Central Colorado Water Conservancy District for groundwater conservation equipment
- \$2,559,440 for Southwest Forest Institutes, including Colorado Forest Restoration Institute at Colorado State University
- Monitored proposed development of uranium mine in Weld County

### **III. Help Make Northern Colorado a Hub for Renewable Energy**

- Supported energy development collaboration between Colorado State University, the University of Colorado, the Colorado School of Mines, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Supported more than \$10,000,000 in federal grant applications for:
  - Weld County Regional Biogas Facility
  - Fort Collins Net Zero Energy District
  - Fort Collins Solar Cell Manufacturing Facility
- Wrote letter of support for location of Vestas Wind Turbine Manufacturing Facility in Windsor
- Procured \$400,000 for a Sustainable Biofuels Development Center at Colorado State University.

### **IV. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars**

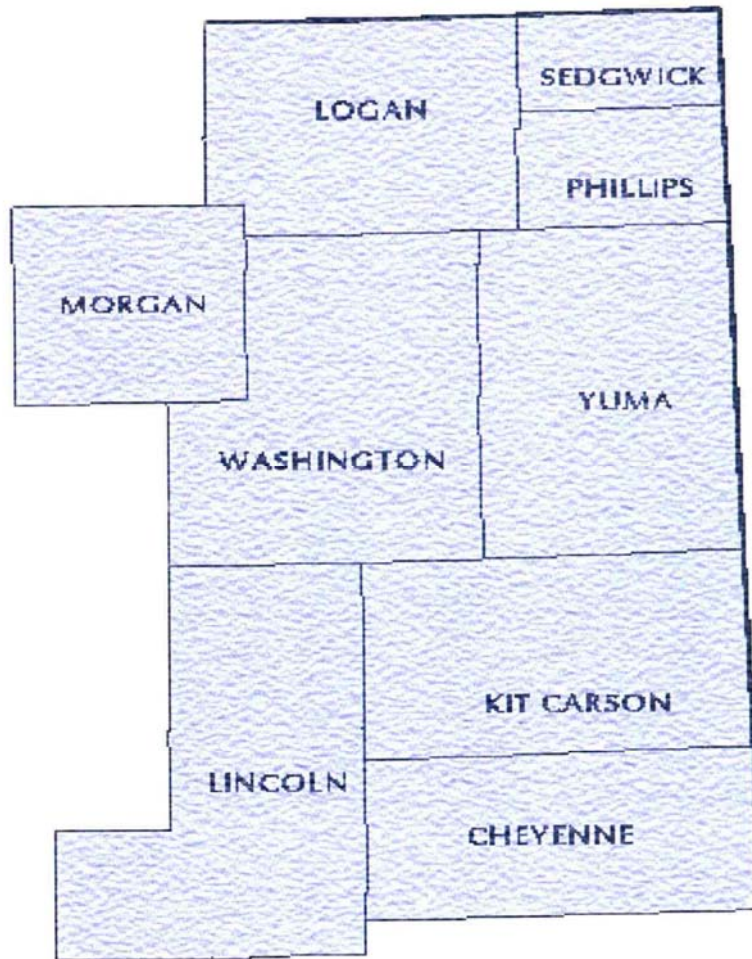
- Secured Transportation Funding
  - \$9,000,000 for I-25, Denver to Fort Collins (FY-06)
  - \$2,000,000 for I-25 at SH 392 in Windsor (FY06)
  - \$2,000,000 for I-25 at SH 34 in Loveland (FY06)
  - \$490,000 to Colorado Department of Transportation for I-76 (Colorado's Northeast Gateway)
- Helped communities define a regional approach to transportation and transit needs
  - Assisted North Front Range Metropolitan Planning Organization to convene the Regional Transportation Summit in March 2008
  - Worked closely with Embrace Colorado Board of Directors to develop visioning process to identify Northern Colorado's regional transportation goals
- Secured Law Enforcement funding
  - \$133,950 for Weld County Drug Task Force (FY08)
  - \$133,950 for Larimer County Drug Task Force (FY08)
- Secured Defense funding
  - \$6,400,000 to replace a dilapidated support facility at the Greeley Air National Guard Station (FY06)

- \$2,000,000 for the Department of Defense's Center for Geosciences/Atmospheric Research at Colorado State University (Army RDT&E)
- Successfully fought for full funding of PILT (2008)

**V. Make Health Care Affordable**

- \$800,00 for CSU, Ft. Collins for acquisition of a combined PET/CT Scanner (FY06)
- \$80,567 for Northern Larimer County Health District Acute Mental Health and Detoxification Facility
- \$42,249 for Aims Community College healthcare training equipment
- \$286,899 to Colorado State University-Fort Collins for purchase of equipment (PET/CT Scanner) (FY08)
- \$143,449 to Healing Tree Addiction Treatment Solutions, Inc. for facilities and equipment
- \$430,348 to University of Northern Colorado to develop the National Center for Nursing Education, including facilities and equipment

# HIGH PLAINS REGION



## **High Plains Region**

Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma Counties

### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy in the High Plains Region**

- Champion family farmers and ranchers through the creation of a 2007 Farm Bill with strong programs for rural development, renewable energy, conservation, nutrition, livestock and family farm and ranch support;
- Protect Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices in the High Plains Region from closure;
- Support the mission and programs of the USDA Akron Research Station;
- Create permanent agriculture disaster program, and fight for agricultural disaster declarations if the circumstances warrant.

### **II. Fight to Protect the Water of the Northern High Plains**

- Help farmers affected by well closures along the South Platte River;
- Help farmers affected by Republican River Water Compact issues;
- Help communities like Eckley with projects to provide clean water supplies;
- Continue to work for legislation regarding the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program to protect water rights and maintain habitat for threatened and endangered species along the Platte River.

### **III. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for the High Plains**

- Fight for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding;
- Push for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;
- Fight for federal funding of transportation projects, including:
  - Increased Rural Highway Funds for Colorado,
  - I-76 Improvements,
  - The Heartland Expressway Route,
  - Ports to Plains.
- Work for passage of Rural Broadband Legislation, and look for other opportunities to expand rural telecommunications capabilities.



#### **IV. Help Make the High Plains Region a Hub for Renewable Energy Revolution**

- Push for the development of alternative energy sources such as wind energy and biofuels, including ethanol and biodiesel, through support of the following projects:
  - Sterling Ethanol Plant,
  - Yuma Ethanol Plant,
  - High Plains ethanol plant in Morgan County,
  - Potential cellulosic research station in Kit Carson County,
  - Wind project north of Limon, Lincoln County,
  - Peetz Table Wind Energy project,
  - Ridge Crest Wind Partner project in Peetz,
  - Potential Haxtun ethanol project in Phillips County.

#### **V. Support Affordable Health Care for the High Plains Region**

- Work to ensure affordable health care, especially in rural areas, by fighting for Critical Access Hospitals in Yuma and Holyoke, programs targeted toward rural health care, and lower cost prescription drugs;
- Continue supporting Greeley Hospital/Banner Health's grant applications for telemedicine to expand these services in the Sterling hospital and other facilities on the eastern plains;
- Establish and continue to support Veterans Outreach Clinic in northeast Colorado.

## **PROGRESS UPDATE**

### **High Plains**

Cheyenne, Kit Carson, Lincoln, Logan, Morgan, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, Yuma

#### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy**

- Championed successful passage of the 2008 Farm Bill for Colorado farmers and ranchers that:
  - Ensures that families know where their food comes from through country of origin labeling
  - Provides healthy fruit and vegetables to school children
  - Grows our energy and rural economies
    - Cellulosic biofuels tax credit
    - Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) for loans and grants
    - Biomass Research and Development
    - Investing in Hydroelectric Power
  - Reauthorizes and expands key conservation programs
    - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)
    - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)
    - Conservation Security/Stewardship Program (CSP)
  - Provides mandatory rural development funding
    - Micro Enterprise Loans
    - Investments in Rural Broadband and Closing the Digital Divide
  - Establishes an agriculture disaster trust fund
- Protected Farm Service Agencies
  - The Farm Bill kept Farm Service Agency offices open.
- Supported USDA Akron Research Station
  - Successfully fought against proposed budget cuts and protected the current funding level of \$1.968 million for FY08
- Worked to successfully lift Japan's beef embargo for most U.S. producers and for cattle 20 months and younger
- Worked with USDA to authorize Conservation Reserve Program acreage for emergency haying and grazing in counties in Colorado designated as disaster areas in 2006

#### **II. Fight to Protect the Water of the Northern High Plains**

- Helped farmers affected by well closures on South Platte River
  - Secured \$654,000 for water management activities in the South Platte River Basin
- Helped farmers affected by Republican River Water Compact issues
- Helped communities with projects to provide clean water

- \$147,660 for Wastewater Treatment Improvements in the Town of Eckley
- Introduced the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program
  - Culmination of years of effort between the states of Colorado, Nebraska, and Wyoming for a basin-wide effort to improve and maintain habitat for threatened and endangered species along the Platte River, while allowing water use

### **III. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars**

- Secured Transportation funding
  - \$1,600,000 for I-76 Fort Morgan to Nebraska (FY06)
  - \$5,000,000 for the Heartland Expressway (FY06) (SAFETEA-LU)
- Successfully fought for full funding of PILT (2008)
- Conducted grants workshops in Fort Morgan to assist non-profit agencies in applying for federal grants
- **USDA Rural Development funding** in NE Colorado for FY 2007
  - Yuma County Office of Emergency Mgmt. - Community Facility Grant to provide a Next-Generation 911 Telephone System
  - Waunetta Volunteer Fire Department Community Facility Grant to procure necessary emergency response and fire protection equipment
  - Wray 55 & Over Club - Community Facility Grant to purchase equipment for the new Community Center
  - Fort Morgan Trinity Lutheran Preschool and Day Care playground equipment
  - Highline Electric - Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant to provide a low interest loan to the East Phillips County Hospital District for construction of a new replacement Critical Access Hospital in Holyoke, Colorado
  - Cubs Den - Community Facility Grant to provide playground equipment; office equipment; and learning aide tools/equipment in Idalia
  - Colorado Range Riders Youth Corp – Community Facility Loan and Grant to provide four SUV vehicles
- **USDA Rural Development funding** in NE Colorado for FY 2008
  - Julesburg Fire Department, New Fire Hall
  - The Dragon's Wagon Preschool at Holyoke Elementary School
  - Wray Community Child Care Center
  - Yuma Children's Academy Child Care Center at Yuma Community Center
  - The Town of Merino
  - Art Griffiths, Johnstown, CO, Renewable Energy Systems and Energy Efficiency
  - Improvements Loan and Grant
  - Lincoln Community Hospital, Hugo

- Rocky Mountain Sustainable (Project)
- New Raymer Fire Department
- Centennial Mental Health Office
- Haxtun Fire Department Building
- Lincoln Community Hospital
- \$29.5 million Telecommunications Loan to Wiggins Telephone Association

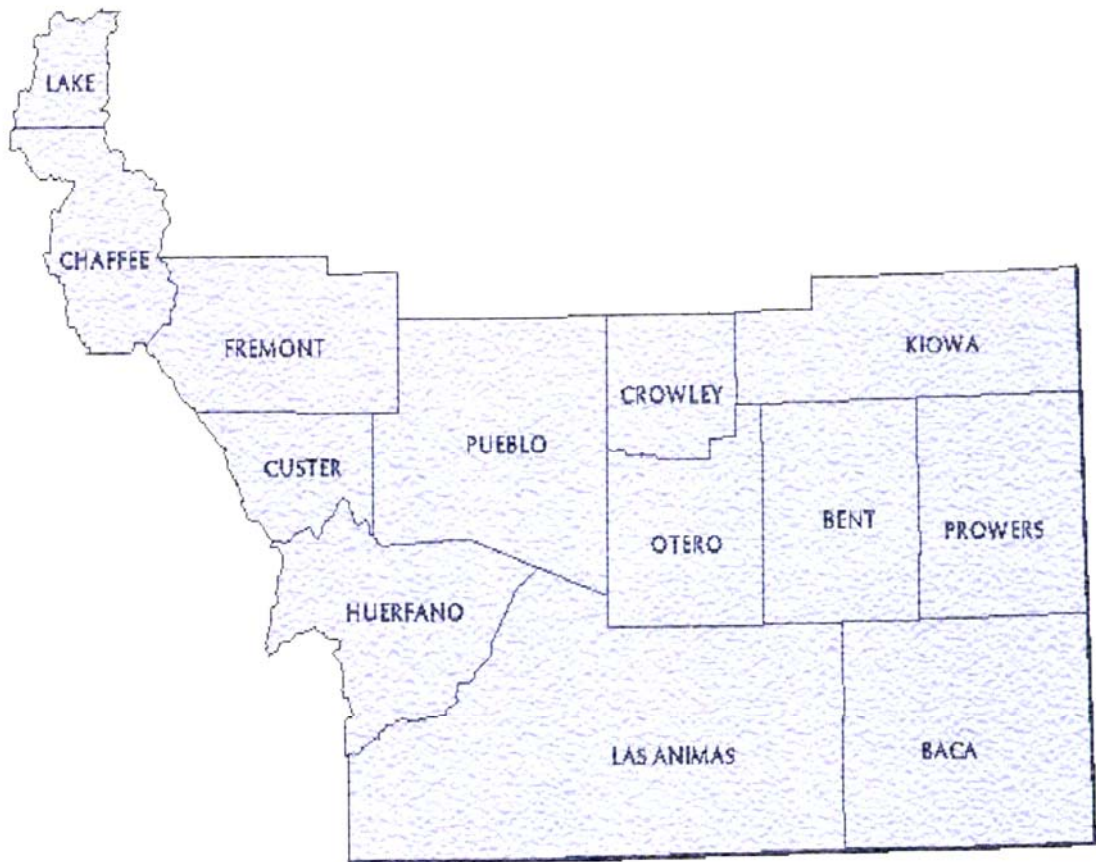
**IV. Help make the High Plains Region a Hub for the Renewable Energy**

- Supported development of alternative energy sources such as:
  - Sterling Ethanol Plant
  - Yuma Ethanol Plan
  - Peetz table Wind Energy Project
  - Ridge Crest Wind Partner project in Peetz
  - Wind Project north of Limon in Lincoln County
- Opening speaker at Akron Sunny Days Energy Forum

**V. Support Affordable Health Care**

- Advocated for the establishment of the veteran's Outreach Clinic on High Plains (Burlington)
- Successfully worked for adequate Medicare reimbursements for sole communities hospitals resulting in an additional \$1,036,938 to Sterling Regional Medical Center (2008)
- Continued supporting Greeley Hospital/Banner Health's grants applications for Telehealth to expand Telehealth in the Sterling hospital and other facilities on the eastern plains

# ARKANSAS RIVER REGION



## **Arkansas River Region**

Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Lake, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers, and Pueblo Counties

### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy in the Arkansas River Region**

- Champion family farmers and ranchers through the creation of a 2007 Farm Bill with strong programs for rural development, renewable energy, conservation, nutrition, livestock, and family farm and ranch support;
- Enhance specialty crops for the Arkansas River Region;
- Protect Farm Service Agency (FSA) office in Bent County from closure;
- Create permanent agriculture disaster program, and fight for agricultural disaster declarations if the circumstances warrant.

### **II. Fight for Land and Water in the Arkansas River Region**

- Push for the construction of the Arkansas Valley Conduit to bring clean water supplies to communities downstream of Lake Pueblo;
- Address restoration of Fountain Creek with implementation of Fountain Creek Crown Jewel Plan and introduction and passage of Fountain Creek Study legislation;
- Introduce legislation to study storage options on Arkansas River and Fountain Creek;
- Work with Lake County to explore the feasibility of making Clear Creek Reservoir a recreational area modeled after Pueblo Reservoir and the possible expansion as a storage facility;
- Support development of Minnequa Lake;
- Monitor development of the water management plan to balance urban water needs and agricultural needs in the lower Arkansas Valley;
- Designate Brown's Canyon as a wilderness area;
- Work with Lake County, EPA, and the State of Colorado on California Gulch Superfund site and Asarco issues;
- Assist in the collaboration of the Arkansas River Watershed Invasive Plants Plan organization to map and study Tamarisk Control along the Arkansas River and its tributaries and canals;
- Fight for resources and policies to mitigate the impact of bark beetle infestation;
- Monitor the clean up of the Cotter Mine in Fremont County;

- Monitor and work with the Bureau of Land Management on the Environmental Impact Study for the future “Over the River” project by Christo and Jeanne-Claude.

### **III. Promote Renewable Energy Projects for the Arkansas River Region**

- Wind farm development in Prowers, Bent or Baca counties;
- Biomass project in Lake County;
- Biofuel projects in Otero and Prowers Counties;
- Micro wind turbine projects in Chaffee County.

### **IV. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for the Arkansas River Basin**

- Push for adequate funding levels and a definitive timetable to clean up the Pueblo Chemical Depot;
- Work with local stakeholders and Department of Defense to determine how the land at the Pueblo Chemical Depot will be used after chem-demil operations are complete;
- Support the Technology Test Center and their rail transport and homeland security missions through inclusion in the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium;
- Fight for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;
- Fight for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding;
- Facilitate grants from Rural Development and Economic Development Administration, and work with local officials and community leaders to attract new businesses to the area;
- Fight for Transportation Funding for:
  - the expansion of US Highway 50,
  - the “Ports to Plains” project,
  - Bent’s Old Fort Access Road to link U.S. Highway 50 and State Highway 194,
  - Essential Air Service designations and funding in Lamar and Pueblo.
- Assist the South East Business, Retention, Expansion, Attraction project (SEBREA) in the designation of southeastern Colorado as a Foreign Trade Zone;
- Advocate for the Front Range Rail Project initiative;
- Push the Army to provide justification for any proposed expansion of the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site, and create a plan that protects private property rights and the agricultural heritage of the area;

- Work to secure Fort Carson investments in Pueblo and Fremont counties, including off-base housing for Fort Carson families through development of a southern entrance;
- Work to establish a national cemetery in Southern Colorado to honor the service of our Veterans;
- Make the Ludlow Massacre Site a National Landmark;
- Help secure funding for a Southeast Colorado National Heritage Area and study economic legislation creating Southeast Colorado (Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero, and Prowers Counties) as a National Heritage Area;
- Support the proposal for placing the National Heritage Site of Boggsville under the jurisdiction and maintenance of National Parks Bent's Old Fort.

#### **V. Make Health Care Affordable**

- Help push for affordable, accessible health care for rural families, including veterans, through Critical Access Hospitals and primary care clinics;
- Support community and regional health care coalitions with their proposals to secure grants and other subsidies to meet health care facilities needs:
  - Collaborate with Arkansas Valley Family Practice in La Junta to become designated as a Rural Health Clinic,
  - Work with Arkansas Valley Regional Medical Center in promoting a telemedicine program.

#### **VI. Work With Law Enforcement and Homeland Security to Keep Our Communities Safe**

- Ensure adequate resources to protect the employees and public at Florence Federal Correctional Complex, especially ADX and USP;
- Work for sufficient funding and increased preparedness of local, state and federal agencies to natural disasters or public health emergencies.



## **PROGRESS UPDATE**

### **Arkansas River Region Baca, Bent, Chaffee, Crowley, Custer, Fremont, Huerfano, Kiowa, Lake, Las Animas, Otero, Prowers and Pueblo**

#### **I. Support a Strong Agricultural Economy**

- Championed successful passage of the 2008 Farm Bill for Colorado farmers and ranchers that:
  - Ensures that families know where their food comes from through country of origin labeling
  - Provides healthy fruit and vegetables to school children
  - Grows our energy and rural economies
    - Cellulosic biofuels tax credit
    - Renewable Energy for America Program (REAP) for loans and grants
    - Biomass Research and Development
    - Investing in Hydroelectric Power
  - Reauthorizes and expands key conservation programs
    - Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP):
    - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP):
    - Conservation Security/Stewardship Program (CSP)
  - Provides mandatory rural development funding
    - Micro Enterprise Loans
    - Investments in Rural Broadband and Closing the Digital Divide:
  - Establishes an agriculture disaster trust fund
- Protected Farm Service Agencies
  - The Farm Bill kept FSA offices in Bent County open
- Fought for Emergency Supplemental/Ag Disaster declarations (FY 06 and 07)
- Fought for Critical Feeding Program relief on drought land in Southeastern Colorado (FY 08)
- Worked to successfully lift Japan's beef embargo for most U.S. producers and for cattle 20 months and younger.

#### **II. Fight for Land and Water**

- Advocated for Arkansas Valley Conduit
  - Passed legislation through Senate Energy Committee for construction of Arkansas Valley Conduit
  - \$590,640 appropriation for the Conduit (FY 08)
- Implement Fountain Creek Crown Jewel Plan
  - Crown Jewel Project:
    - 2006 : Vision Launched
    - 2007/2008 Fountain Creek Vision Task Force Report

- 2008 Task Force recommended formation of Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District
    - \$425,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers Fountain Creek Watershed Study (FY07 and FY06)
    - \$146,616 to complete the Army Corps of Engineers Fountain Creek Watershed Study
- Storage options on Arkansas River and Fountain Creek
  - Convened a series of meetings of the various water interests involving in negotiating years-old issues surrounding the proposed study of expansion of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project's Pueblo and Turquoise Reservoirs serving southern Colorado
  - Encouraged the many disparate parties to continue working for resolution of the outstanding issues to end the ongoing Arkansas River Basin water fights.
  - Promoted separate bi-lateral meetings between stakeholders to resolve water concerns specific to those entities.
- Sponsored legislation to designate Brown's Canyon as a wilderness area
- Sponsored legislation to require the Secretary of Interior to take actions to address environmental problems associated with the Leadville Mine Drainage Tunnel (2008)
- Supported river habitat and existing water storage projects
  - "priority designation" to the Arkansas River Habitat Restoration Project for the Arkansas River Fisheries Habitat (FY '08)
  - Secured \$4.8 million in funding to operate and maintain John Martin Reservoir (FY06 and FY 07)
  - Trinidad Lake receives a piece of \$2,000,000 cost share agreement for recreation from Army Corps of Engineers (FY07 and FY06)
  - \$4,706,472 for cost-shared recreation development projects at Chatfield, Cherry Creek, and Trinidad State Parks
- Fought for resources and policies to mitigate the impact of bark beetle infestation
- Monitored and worked with the Bureau of Land Management on the Environmental Impact Study for the future "Over the River" project by Christo and Jeanne-Claude

### **III. Promote Renewable Energy Projects**

- \$250,000 for LAVWCD biodiesel plant (FY '07)
- Endorsed successful grant application for Baca Green Energy for \$80,000
- Supported Bent County Wind Farm
- Endorsed successful grant application for Biodiesel Plant in Fowler through Southeast Colorado RC&D

#### **IV. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars**

- Pushed for funding and timetable to clean up Pueblo Chemical Depot
  - \$93,000,000 for construction at Pueblo Chemical Depot (\$51 million in FY06, \$42 million in FY 07)
  - \$142.2 million for operations (FY 08)
  - \$35.1 million for construction (FY 08)
  - Pushed Funding for the Defense Access Road (FY 07, 08)
  - Inserted Sense of Senate language in FY 09 Defense Authorization Bill to ensure that chemical weapons are destroyed within the treaty deadline of 2012 and that hydrolysate treatment study must take into account possible litigation costs and delays
- Supported the Technology Test Center
  - Cosponsored amendment to Port Security bill to include Transportation Technology Center for Homeland Security training
  - \$5 million for training First Responders in chemical, biological, or otherwise dangerous scenarios involving rail transportation (FY 08)
  - \$4.5 million for Railroad Wireless Communications and Train Control Program (FY '07) (GRANT)
  - \$1.4 million for Railroad Wireless Communications and Train Control Program (FY '08) (GRANT)
- Successfully fought for full funding of PILT (2008)
- Facilitated grants from Rural Development and Economic Development Administration, and worked with local officials and community leaders to attract new businesses to the area
- Secured Transportation Funding
  - US 287 Port to Plains Corridor
    - \$13.1 million for ('05 SAFE-TEA)
    - \$5.4 million for US 287 Port to Plains Corridor (FY '06)
    - \$500,000 for US 287 Ports to Plains (FY '07)
    - \$1.3 million US 287 Ports to Plains (FY '08)
  - \$5 million for US 50 Pueblo to Kansas border ('05 SAFE-TEA)
  - \$5.2 million for Pueblo Dillon Drive @ I-25 overpass ('05 SAFE-TEA)
  - \$12 million for US 50 Lamar to Las Animas ('06 SAFE-TEA)
  - \$11 million for US 50 East, Pueblo to Kansas border ('06 SAFE-TEA)
  - \$6 million for US 50 at SH 115 ('06 SAFE-TEA)
  - Helped secure \$5 million appropriation to Colorado Transit Coalition; some portion will go to Pueblo transit system (FY 07)
- Secured Law Enforcement funding
  - \$250,000 for CSU-Pueblo Western Forensic Law Enforcement Training Center (FY '06); "priority consideration" for \$100,000 (FY '07)
  - "priority consideration" for Canon City-Fremont County drug task force (FY '07)
  - "priority consideration" for 16th Judicial District drug task force (FY '07)

- Supported federal funds for grants programs that made grants to the Arkansas River Region

#### **GRANTS (FY '08)**

- Southeastern BOCES – Distance Learning USDA grant linking 12 school districts in Southeastern Colorado
- Trinidad Junior College – Suicide Prevention Outreach & Education
- Pueblo County – DOJ grant for the Office on Violence Against Women
- City of Pueblo – DOJ grant for the Office of Justice Programs
- Posada – USDA Loan for Farm Labor Housing in Boone
- Otero Junior College – U.S. Dept of Education grant to Strengthen “STEM” program Trinidad State Junior College – U.S. Dept of Education grant to strengthen “STEM” program
- West Mountain Fire Protection District in Westcliffe – FEMA grant for Operations & Safety
- Canon City Area Fire Protection District – FEMA grant for Operations & Safety
- Prince Preferred Hotels, LLC – USDA Loan for purchase of Holiday Inn Express in La Junta
- Southeast Colorado Power Association – USDA loan for the assistance to purchase Walsh Community Grocery Store Co-op
- Otero County – Preserve America Grant for Rural Resource Study
- Prowers County – Preserve America Grant for Historic Theatres to promote Southeast Colorado Historic Sites
- City of Lamar – U.S. Dept of Transportation grant for installing Perimeter Fencing at the airport
- City of Pueblo – U.S. Dept of Transportation grant for Runway Rehabilitation and Runway Construction at Memorial Airport
- City of Pueblo – U.S. Dept of Transportation grant for Improving Runway Safety Area at Memorial Airport
- City of Pueblo – U.S. Dept of Transportation grant for Bus Replacement for Transit System
- Huerfano County – U.S. Dept of Transportation grant to update Airport Master Plan at Spanish Peaks Airfield
- Fremont County – U.S. Dept of Transportation grant to Construct Snow Removal Equipment Building at the airport
- Chaffee County – U.S. Dept of Transportation grant to Acquire Snow Removal Equipment for Harriet Alexander Airfield
- Prowers County – U.S. Dept of Transportation grant to Install Runway Vertical/Visual Guidance System and Taxiway Lighting
- City of La Junta – U.S. Dept of Transportation grant to Rehabilitate the Runway at La Junta Municipal Airport
- Town of Buena Vista – U.S. Dept of Transportation grant to Construct Terminal Building at airport

- Tri-County Housing Authority – USDA grant to provide funding for repairing housing project in a the Tri-County area of Crowley, Otero and Bent Counties
- Huerfano/Las Animas Council of Governments – USDA grant for the re-hab of 10 owner occupied homes
- Prowers County Medical Center – USDA Telemedicine Grant to complete the Electronic Medical Records filing system
- Pushed the Army to provide justification for expansion of Pinon Canyon Maneuver Site and to create plane that protects private property rights and the agricultural heritage of the area.
  - Amended the 2007 Defense Authorization Act to require the Army to provide a report on any justification for the expansion of PCMS and detail positive economic impacts, direct the General Accounting Office to review the Army’s report and include public comment
  - Sponsored moratorium on Army using funds to plan for expansion in FY 07 through FY 09
- Worked to secure Ft. Carson investments in Pueblo and Fremont Counties
  - Led effort to get Gate 20 expansion under way and to secure \$8 million in federal funds for the project, to be matched with \$45 million from the state
  - Pressed the Army to increase access to Pueblo and Fountain and for additional access through Gate 19.
- Supported creation of Sand Creek Massacre site national park
- Sponsored Legislation to designate Ludlow Massacre Site as a National Historical Landmark

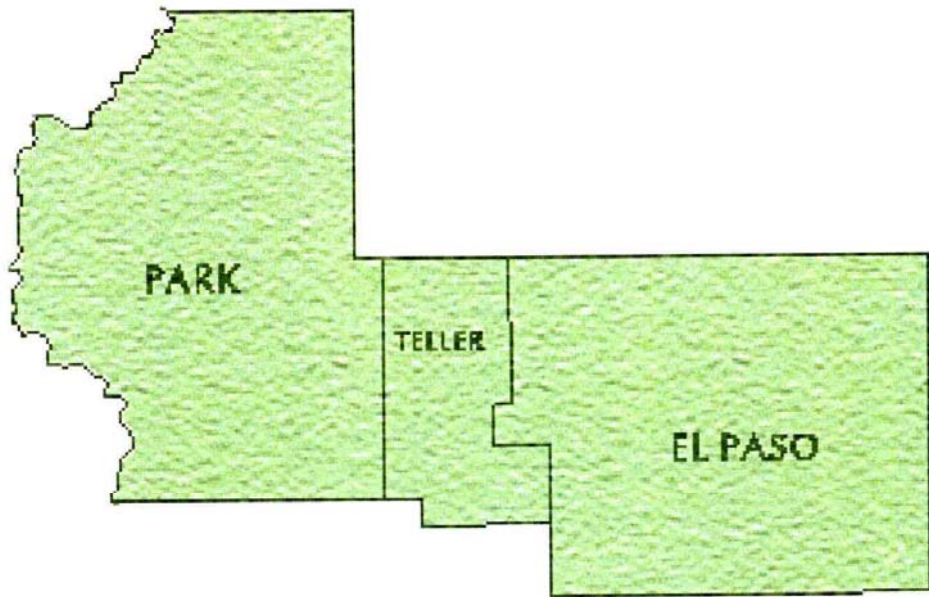
**V. Make Health Care Affordable**

- Successfully worked for adequate Medicare reimbursement for sole community hospitals resulting in an additional \$1,367,268 to St. Thomas More Hospital in Canon City (2008)

**VI. Work with Law Enforcement and Homeland Security to Keep Our Communities Safe**

- \$250,000 for CSU-Pueblo’s Western Forensic Law Enforcement Training Center (FY06)
- Ensured adequate resources to protect the employees and public at the Florence Federal Correctional Complex
  - Brought the United States Attorney General to the Complex in February 2007
  - Requested report from Bureau of Prison regarding April 2008 riot

# PIKES PEAK REGION



**Pikes Peak Region**  
El Paso, Park, and Teller Counties

**I. Strengthen our Nation's Defense by Supporting and Protecting Northern Command, Fort Carson, Peterson and Schriever Air Force Bases, Air Force Academy and North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD)**

- Advocate for the stationing of an additional brigade at Fort Carson;
- Help protect Fort Carson, Peterson, and Schriever Air Force Bases from encroaching urban development and land uses;
- Advocate that the Air Force establish and place Cyber Command in the Pikes Peak Region;
- Work with Department of Defense to ensure the best status of NORAD's Cheyenne Mountain facility is determined after thoughtful review of economic, security, and operational implications;
- Push the Army to provide justification for any proposed expansion of the Piñon Canyon Maneuver Site and create a plan that protects private property rights and the agricultural heritage of the area;
- Support federal funding to improve rail access at Fort Carson to facilitate rapid deployment (48 hrs) of an armored brigade with heavy artillery;
- Support federal funding to implement the Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group ("A/DACG").

**II. Support our Men and Women In Uniform and Their Families**

- Continue to support quality health care for our service members, including appropriate mental health care for returning soldiers;
- Continue to support the funding and mission of Warrior Transition Units;
- Ensure "Wounded Warriors" are given the assistance and resources needed to continue with their service in the military or their transition to civilian life;
- Support military families by ensuring access to quality health care and educational opportunities while stationed in Colorado and when the service member is deployed;
- Work with military families of wounded Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom (OIF and OEF) veterans to assist them in caring for their families through occupational, financial, and mental health assistance.

### **III. Honor our Veterans**

- Work to establish a national cemetery in Southern Colorado to honor the service of our Veterans;
- Assist the VA in evaluating facilities and resources within the Pikes Peak Region;
- Ensure that Triwest has evaluated the resources and is developing support systems within the region to support the specialty care required to include:
  - mental health,
  - long term physical and occupation therapy,
  - services for veterans affected with traumatic brain injury, and
  - family adaptation programs.

### **IV. Help Resolve Water Supply, River Restoration and Environmental Challenges**

- Help lead the effort to turn Fountain Creek, located between Colorado Springs and Pueblo, into a healthy natural habitat and recreational amenity as envisioned in the Fountain Creek Crown Jewel project;
- Push for Fountain Creek flood control and storage facility/ies study;
- Foster Regional cooperation on studying the expansion of Pueblo and Turquoise Reservoirs;
- Help support and foster alternative energy partnerships, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and conservation opportunities in the Region through the creation of a grassroots Conservation Corps, “a million bulb” campaign, and other regional conservation partnerships;
- Push for resources and policies to mitigate the impact of bark beetle infestation in Park, El Paso, and Teller Counties.

### **V. Push for a Renewable Energy Economy in the Pikes Peaks Region**

- Support the creation of a wind farm for the generation of electricity in El Paso County;
- Support Park County biomass projects.



## **VI. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for the Pikes Peak Region**

- Work with the Colorado delegation, local elected officials, and the business community to ensure that the U.S. Olympic Committee headquarters remains in Colorado Springs;
- Support Park County National Heritage area;
- Fight for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;
- Fight for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding;
- Fight for Transportation funding for:
  - Construction of Gate 19 for better access from the southern section of Fort Carson to Fountain and Pueblo,
  - Construction of Gate 20 for better access from the southern section of Fort Carson to Pueblo,
  - New interchange at Stewart Road and Powers Blvd that will significantly relieve congestion at the Peterson AFB West gate,
  - Powers Blvd from the Northgate Exit of I-25 to the South end of El Paso County as a limited access freeway,
  - Widening of I-25 to 6 lanes from Academy Blvd. to Monument;
  - Improvement of traffic flow on US 24 East and West,
  - Improvement of traffic flow on US 285 through sections of Park County,
  - Expanding Public Transit options for the region, including Front Range rail service and Ute pass bus service to Teller County.
- Support funding and programs that protect the Region's forests and Wildland/Urban interface from forest fires.

## **PROGRESS UPDATE**

### **Pikes Peak Region** El Paso, Park and Teller

#### **I. Support Colorado as the Crown Jewel for the Nation's Defense and Homeland Security**

- **Secured Appropriations for Military Installations**

##### **2008**

- \$3,200,000 for Upgrades to Data Networks at Cheyenne Mountain and USNORTHCOM (Defense- Air Force O&M)
- \$1,600,000 for Security Upgrades at Schriever Air Force Base (Defense- Other Procurement, Air Force)
- \$500,000 for the Center for Space and Defense Studies at the United States Air Force Academy (Defense- Air Force O&M)
- \$3,200,000 for a Naval Postgraduate School Ph.D. Program in Homeland Defense at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs (Defense- Air Force O&M)
- \$1,600,000 for STEM Curriculum Development at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, to Expand the Pipeline of Engineers (Defense- Air Force RDT&E)
- \$800,000 for Digital Engine/Hydraulic Valve Actuation Technology (Sturman Industries, Woodland Park, CO) (Defense- Army RDT&E)
- \$2,000,000 for the Joint National Integration Center (JNIC) at Schriever Air Force Base (Northrup Grumman, Arlington, VA) (Defense- Defense Wide RDT&E)
- \$13,500,000 to Fort Carson for construction of an Air Support Operations Squadron Complex to support operations, training, vehicle and equipment maintenance
- \$24,500,000 to Schriever AFB for construction of a Space Test & Evaluation Facility, which will house Air Force Space Command's lead units for space innovation
- \$15,000,000 to the United States Air Force Academy for Upgrades to Academic Facilities, including a renovation of the cadet library, lecture halls, and cadet support areas
- \$72,000,000 to Fort Carson for Unit Operation Facilities (Grow the Force)
- \$4,900,000 to Fort Carson for the construction of an indoor range for the 10th Special Forces Group to provide realistic training in an all-weather weapons training
- \$18,000 to Fort Carson for hospital addition and dental clinic (Grow the Force)
- \$54,000,000 to Fort Carson for a new troop health clinic
- \$8,300,000 to Fort Carson for a Defense Access Road, to provide access to the Arrival/Departure Air Control Group at Peterson AFB, which will

allow an Initial Ready Company of personnel, equipment, and materials to deploy anywhere in the world in 24 hours

- \$53,000,000 to Fort Carson for the construction of barracks
- \$98,300,000 to Fort Carson for Army family housing (570 units)
- \$27,000,000 for an addition to Evans Army Hospital at Fort Carson that will allow additional space for administrative and clinical functions, including more beds for maternity care, psychiatric care, and emergency care
- \$90,000,000 to Fort Carson for a brigade combat team complex for the 1st Brigade, 4th Infantry Division
- \$20,000,000 to Fort Carson for construction of a Division Headquarters Complex to house the 4th Infantry Division, which is moving from Fort Hood
- \$13,200,000 for a vehicle maintenance facility at Fort Carson to support a brigade combat team that is moving to Fort Carson as a result of BRAC
- \$2,363,000 to Peterson AFB for construction of an office building for Counterintelligence Field Activity

## 2007

- \$50,100,000 Funding for construction at Fort Carson and Peterson AFB (FY07):
  - Airfield Arrival/Departure Complex, Phase 2
  - SOF Combat Service Support Complex
- \$1,400,000 for Schriever AFB to replace its ground space electronic security system (FY07)
- \$8,000,000 for the U.S. Air Force Academy to rehabilitate the static aircraft displays (FY07)

## 2006

- \$12,700,000 for Peterson AFB to replace a space control facility (FY06)
  - \$1,000,000 for Electro Energy Mobile Products' R&D for wafer cell batteries (FY06)
  - \$2,241,800 to the Colorado Department of Transportation for an interchange at Fort Carson's Gate 20 (I-25 at State Highway 16)
  - \$490,000 to the Colorado Department of Transportation for State Highway 115 along the west border of Fort Carson
  - \$5,000,000 for I-25 and SH 16 (Fort Carson) (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
  - \$3,000,000 for I-25 and SH 16 (Gate 19, Fort Carson) (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- **Advocated for additional brigade at Ft. Carson.** Wrote to the Secretary of the Army encouraging the stationing of a new brigade. Army announced its decision in December 2007.
  - **Modernized Fort Carson's Gates.** Led effort to get Gate 20 expansion under way and to secure \$8 million in federal funds for the project, to be

matched with \$45 million from the state. Pressed the Army to increase access from Pueblo and Fountain and for additional access through Gate 19.

- **Protected Ft. Carson from Encroachment.** Pushed for establishing a 1.5 mile buffer near Fort Carson's eastern and southern fence line. Over \$19 million in federal funds committed to date to begin establishing conservation easements on up to 60,000 acres of land near Fort Carson's fence line. Increased REPI (Readiness and Environmental Protection Initiative) to \$46 million.
- **Protected Peterson and Schriever Air Force Bases from Encroachment.** Secured funding for 23 acre acquisition north of Peterson. Convinced the Secretary of the Air Force to establish a pilot program in Colorado, called the "Front Range Combined Military Comprehensive Planning Group" to develop and implement a comprehensive strategy to address encroachment at Colorado's Air Force installations.
- **Pushed for Cyber Command.** Led the Congressional Delegation in a letter to establish placement of Cyber Command in the Air Force Space Command complex in Colorado.
- **Evaluated NORAD Cheyenne Mountain Facility.** Amended the 2008 Defense Authorization Bill to require the General Accounting Office to study and report on the economics and security of any move of operations from the mountain site.
- **Obtained release of funding for the Arrival/Departure Airfield Control Group ("A/DACG").** At the request of Colorado Springs, pushed Army Corps of Engineers to release funds to begin construction of the utilities and foundation at the Colorado Springs Airport Park. A/GACG is used by both Army and Air Force at the Airport Park.

## II. Support or Men and Women in Uniform and Their Families

- **Monitored Recruitment Practices.** Sent a letter to Secretary Geren urging investigation of homicides by returning soldiers, asking for combat stress pilot program at Fort Carson.
- **Supported Families.** Held a Military Moms event hosted by Gen. Cody's wife, Vicki Cody who had written a book helping parents of soldiers.

## III. Honor our Veterans

- **Pushed for Veteran's Cemetery.** Secured \$5 million to begin search for site for Southern Colorado Veteran's Cemetery.
- **Supported Veteran's Health Care.** Pushed the VA to support expansion in VA health care in the region by securing \$10 million for new clinic.

#### **IV. Help Resolve Water Supply, River Restoration and Environmental Challenges**

- **Led effort to turn Fountain Creek into a healthy natural habitat and recreational amenity**
  - Crown Jewel Project:
    - 2006 : Vision Launched
    - 2007/2008 Fountain Creek Vision Taskforce Report
    - Task Force recommends formation of Fountain Creek Watershed Flood Control and Greenway District
  - Army Corps Study:
    - \$425,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers to complete continue the Fountain Creek Watershed Study (\$300,000 for FY07 and \$125,000 for FY06)
    - \$146,616 to complete the Army Corps of Engineers Fountain Creek Watershed Study (08)
- **Pushed for Fountain Creek flood control and storage facility studies**
  - Dam Study:
    - 2008 Senate Committee Resolution authorizing Fountain Creek flood control and storage facility/ies study
  - Southern Delivery System:
    - Promoted efforts to resolve water quality and quantity issues concerning Colorado Springs' proposed Southern Delivery System and Fountain Creek in Pueblo County.
  - Arkansas River Basin
    - Convened a series of meetings of the various water interests involving in negotiating years-old issues surrounding the proposed study of expansion of the Fryingpan-Arkansas Project's Pueblo and Turquoise Reservoirs serving southern Colorado
    - Encouraged the many disparate parties to continue working for resolution of the outstanding issues to end the ongoing Arkansas River Basin water fights.
    - Promoted separate bi-lateral meetings between stakeholders to resolve water concerns specific to those entities.

#### **V. Push for Renewable Energy Economy in the Pikes Peak Region**

- **Supported use of Woody Biomass**
  - 2006 Promoted concept of wood pellet facility in Park County
  - 2008 Park County Colorado Renewable Resources Cooperative (CRRC), 11 partners developing recycle wood waste, received USDA Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) to conduct a comprehensive feasibility study/ create business plan/ respond to RFP for USFS Long Term Front Range Stewardship Contract.

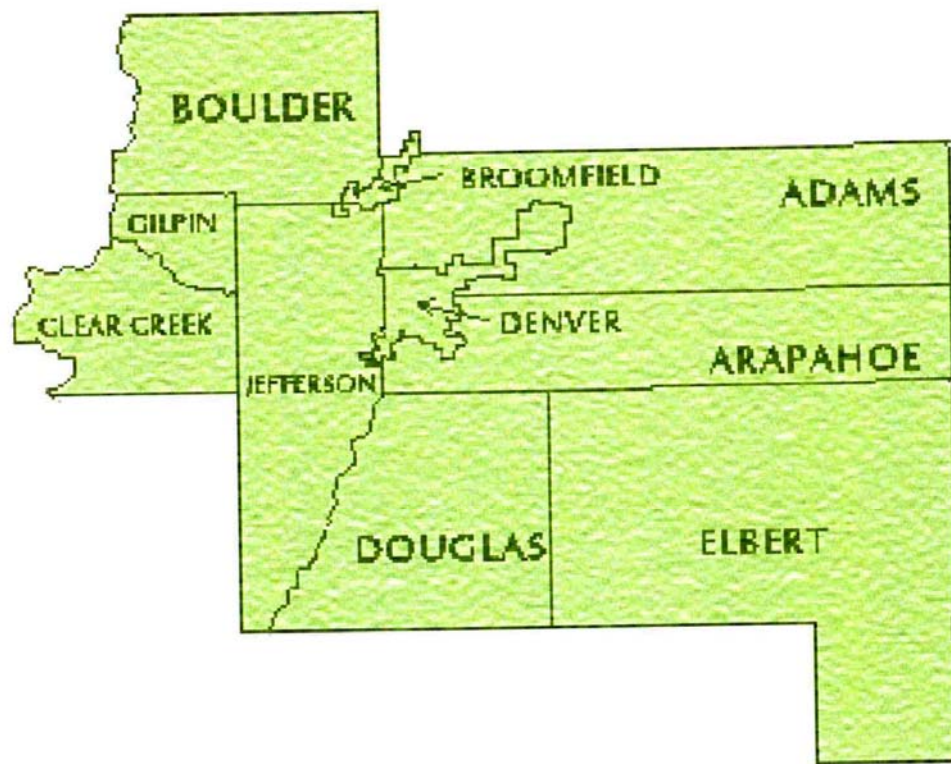
## VI. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars

- **Worked to retain U.S. Olympic Committee headquarters.** Wrote to USOC Chairman Ueberroth advocating that the USOC remain in Colorado Springs.
- **Supported South Park National Heritage Area.** Introduced legislation to designate South Park as a National Heritage Area that will protect 19 working ranches along 30 miles of stream corridor and 17,000 acres of wetlands and agricultural lands in the headwaters of the South Platte River in South Park.
- **Supported accessible health care.** 2007 Assisted in securing Medicare designation so doors could open for the new Pikes Peak Regional Hospital in Woodland Park.
- **Fought for Homeland Security funding.**
  - 2006 -- \$300,000 for the Central Mountain Police Training Facility (FY06)
  - 2008 -- \$33 million to Colorado in Department of Homeland Security Grants
  - \$2M of the \$14 million to State Homeland Security Grant Program Allocation to South Central Region (SCR) which also includes El Paso, Teller, Lake, Park, and Chaffee counties.(FY 08)
  - \$311,000 of the \$1,471,425 Metropolitan Medical Response System Allocation to (SCR) (FY 08)
- **Secured Transportation funding**
  - \$1,250,000 for I-25 widening in the Pike's Peak Region (FY06)
  - \$16,000,000 for Powers Blvd and Woodman Rd interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
  - \$9,800,000 for I-25 between Douglas/Arapahoe and El Paso Counties (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- **Obtained Public Transit funding**
  - Endorsed the study of a Front Range high-speed commuter rail linking Cheyenne, Wyoming, with Denver, Colorado, and Albuquerque, New Mexico. (FY 05)
  - \$3,528,000 for the Colorado Association of Transit Agencies' Colorado Transit Coalition-Statewide Bus and Bus Facilities- Mountain Metro received \$1.5 million in Bus and Bus Facilities money. Of the appropriations amount, this represents 42% of the amount received by the Coalition as a whole.
- **Supported other community projects**
  - \$200,000 for the Challenger Learning Center (FY06)

## **VII. Help Realize Vision for Educational Excellence in the Pikes Peak Region**

- Supported University of Colorado, Colorado Springs
  - Sought funding for the Space Education Consortium at UCCS, which trains engineers and provides research in support of USNORTHCOM and AFSPC (FY 05)
  - \$4,600,000 for University of Colorado at Colorado Springs' Network Information and Space Security Center (FY06)

# **GREATER DENVER METRO REGION**





## **Greater Denver Metro Region**

Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver,  
Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin, and Jefferson Counties

### **I. Help Make the Transportation and Transit Systems the Best for the People and Travelers of the Denver Metro Area**

- Help build FasTracks:
  - Complete the Southwest Corridor light rail and Santa Fe improvements,
  - Complete the Southeast Corridor light rail and I-25 improvements,
  - Complete the West corridor light rail,
  - Complete the Gold Line light rail,
  - Complete the Northwest Rail Corridor and Highway 36 Bus Rapid Transit improvements,
  - Complete the North Metro rail corridor,
  - Complete the East Corridor to DIA corridor and I-70 improvements,
  - Complete the I-225 corridor and I-225 improvements,
  - Help make Denver Union Station redevelopment a crown jewel of the FasTracks effort.
- Help fund highway construction projects on major Denver highway arterials and interchanges:
  - Interstate 25,
  - Interstate 70,
  - Interstate 225,
  - C-470,
  - Key interchanges such as:
    - I-70/Havana/Yosemite,
    - Quebec and 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue,
    - Parker and Arapahoe Road,
    - C-470 and Santa Fe,
    - Arapahoe Road and I-25,
    - 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue,
    - US 36 and Wadsworth Interchange,
    - US 36 business rapid transit corridor.
- Work closely with local and state officials and community leaders on I-70 corridor challenges, including impacts on Clear Creek and Gilpin Counties;
- Address challenges and opportunities at Denver International Airport:
  - Help provide funding for runway improvements,
  - Push for modernization of Federal Aviation Administration,
  - Address security issues and related passenger delays through Transportation Security Administration.

## **II. Help Establish Denver Metropolitan Area as a Center for High Quality Jobs Through Energy, Biotechnology, Space and Health Research**

- Support the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden in its work to find a clean energy future for America;
- Create and support a renewable energy collaboratory to deploy the best research and technology into the private sector from the University of Colorado, Colorado State University, the Colorado School of Mines, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory;
- Support redevelopment efforts at Fitzsimons and Stapleton to create a health care and biotechnology corridor;
- Support scientific research and deployment of same at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the National Center for Atmospheric Research;
- Support Colorado's space and aerospace industry;
- Protect the mission and capabilities at Buckley Air Force Base, including creating a buffer zone from encroachment.

## **III. Help Create Crown Jewels of Open Space and Restore Rivers and Help With Water Supply to the Denver Metropolitan area**

- Help implement the vision and projects for the Northeast Greenway Corridor, which include the Rocky Mountain Arsenal National Wildlife Refuge and its connections to the South Platte River, Sand Creek, Stapleton Redevelopment, Barr Lake, ranchlands in Adams County, and other preservation areas;
- Complete the clean-up of Rocky Flats and the completion of the nearly 6,000 acres of Wildlife Refuge which includes resolving mineral rights issues at Rocky Flats and examining how to protect lands beyond the fences at Rocky Flats, including the mountain backdrop;
- Promote the I-25 Douglas County Greenland Ranch and open space project as a national example of protecting open space and ranch land;
- Examine potential for southeast open space crown jewel relating to the lands of the Lowry Bombing Range;
- Examine potential for ranchland and open space project of significance to keep Denver Metro area and Fort Collins and Weld County from being melded together;
- Support water supply and river restoration projects, such as:
  - Improvements along the 53 mile South Platte River Corridor,
  - Boulder Reservoir water supply pipeline,
  - South Boulder Creek floodplain project,
  - Goose Creek restoration plan,

- Work with the regional water development such as the Northern Integrated Supply Project to provide additional storage capacity for urban use and preserve irrigated farmland.

#### **IV. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars for the Denver Metropolitan Area**

- Secure Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding;
- Fight for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funding;
- Support efforts for effective wild land/urban interface fire mitigation;
- Push for funding to clean up abandoned mines in Gilpin and Clear Creek Counties;
- Support Mayor Hickenlooper's homelessness initiative and funds for Housing and Urban Development's Continuum of Care programs and Emergency Shelter funds;
- Protect federal funds that provide housing for vulnerable citizens, such as Section 8 and elderly housing vouchers;
- Continue to support funding increase for Social Security Administration staff to achieve timely disability appeal processing.

#### **V. Make Health Care Affordable and Accessible**

- Support creation of crown jewel for health care at Fitzsimons, including the construction of a new state of the art veterans hospital;
- Help support federal funding Denver Health and its network of community health clinics;
- Fight for workers employed at Rocky Flats to receive compensation for health care costs associated with radiation exposure.

## **VI. Help Meet Security and Law Enforcement Needs**

- Work for increased funding and support for our first responders, especially for anti-terrorism efforts and interoperable communication equipment;
- Work for sufficient funding for and increased preparedness by local, state, and federal agencies to natural disasters or public health emergencies and promote increased awareness by individuals to become prepared for emergencies;
- Continue to support safe schools initiatives and funding for safe schools preparedness.

## **VII. Help Realize Vision for Educational Excellence**

- Support continued funding and highlighting of the unique expertise and quality programs at:
  - University of Colorado at Boulder,
  - University of Colorado Denver- Anschutz Medical Campus and Downtown Campus,
  - Colorado School of Mines,
  - Metropolitan State College of Denver,
  - Arapahoe, Denver, Front Range and Red Rocks Community Colleges.

## PROGRESS UPDATE

### **Greater Metro Region Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Clear Creek, Denver, Douglas, Elbert, Gilpin and Jefferson**

- I. Help Make the Transportation and Transit Systems the best for the People and Travelers of the Denver Metro Area**
- Helped Build Transit and Fastracs
    - \$39,200,000 to the Regional Transportation District's West Corridor Light Rail Project
    - \$50,529,274 to the Regional Transportation District's Southeast Corridor Multi-Modal Project (T-REX)
    - \$187,000,000 for the I-25 Southeast Corridor Multi-Modal Project (T-REX) (\$107 million in FY07 and \$80 million in FY 06)
    - \$35,000,000 for West Corridor Light Rail (FasTracks) (FY07)
    - \$5,000,000 for RTD West Corridor Light Rail (FasTracks) (FY06)
  - Helped fund major highway construction
    - \$588,000 to the Colorado Department of Transportation for the Wadsworth Interchange (U.S. 36 and 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue)
    - \$656,600 to the Colorado Department of Transportation for improvements to I-225 at Colfax Ave. and 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue
    - \$490,000 to Forest City Stapleton for the I-70 Stapleton Interchange
    - \$196,000 to Adams County for the Pecos Street Grade Crossing
    - \$490,000 to Douglas County for the U.S. 85 and C 470 Interchange (Highlands Ranch to Castle Rock)
    - \$2,800,000 for 56<sup>th</sup> Avenue & Quebec (T-THUD:FHA)
    - \$2,000,000 for Colorado State Highway 44-Colorado Blvd Connector (FY06)
    - \$17,120,000 for U.S. 36 improvements, including funds for RTD bus transit corridor (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
    - \$14,600,000 for Wadsworth interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
    - \$14,200,000 for Quebec St to Havana and between I-70 and 56th Ave (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
    - \$11,976,000 for I-225 from Parker Rd to I-70 (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
    - \$10,976,000 for I-70 and SH 58 interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
    - \$9,958,000 for Union Station improvements, including RTD multimodal renovations (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
    - \$9,200,000 for C-470 and U.S.85 interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
    - \$9,133,000 for I-76 Northeast Gateway (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
    - \$7,120,000 for I-70/ Havana/ Yosemite interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
    - \$7,000,000 for RTD bus replacements and maintenance (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
    - \$5,200,000 for Parker Rd and Arapahoe Rd interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)

- \$4,000,000 for I-70 to East Multimodal Corridor (highway portion) (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$3,200,000 for SH44 from Colorado Blvd to SH2 (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$3,000,000 for Pecos St overpass ((FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$2,664,000 for U.S. 85 – Bromely Lane interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$2,000,000 for U.S. 85 and 104th St interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$1,600,000 for SH 121 and Bowles Ave interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$1,000,000 for U.S. 285 and Deer Creek interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- \$800,000 for U.S. 36 – McCaslin Blvd interchange (FY06) (SAFTEA-LU)
- Addressed challenges and opportunities at DIA and area airports
  - Worked with the Colorado Delegation to move DIA to the top of FAA list for airports to receive the new ASDE-X air traffic control system, which is designed to reduce runway incursions. As a result, DIA moved from 30th on the list to 7th and is slated for operation in February, 2009.
  - Sent a letter to FAA urging release the findings in investigation of Servisair USA's de-icing training program at DIA.
  - Worked to protect and expand the FAA's Airport Improvement Program (AIP), which provides funding for runway/taxiway improvements to Denver International Airport.
  - Wrote a letter to Department of Homeland Security Secretary requesting additional TSA screening officers to DIA.
  - Secured \$1,969,800 for the Colorado Department of Transportation for pavement rehabilitation at the Denver International Airport
  - Secured \$2,450,000 to Jefferson County for the Jefferson County Air Traffic Control Tower

## **II. Help Establish Denver Metropolitan Areas as a Center for High Quality Jobs**

- Supported the National Renewable Energy Laboratory in Golden in its work to find a clean energy future for America
  - \$107,000,000 for National Renewable Energy Lab expansion (FY07)
  - \$20,000,000 to expand the lab's Integrated Biorefinery Research Facility
  - \$17,000,000 to equip the lab's new Science & Technology facility
  - \$63,000,000 to design and build a new Research Support Facility on NREL's campus
- Created and supported a renewable energy collaboratory to deploy the best research and technology into the private sector from the University of Colorado, Colorado State University, the Colorado School of Mines, and the National Renewable Energy Laboratory
- Supported renewable energy efforts
  - \$984,000 to the Colorado School of Mines for the Colorado Center on Sustainable Energy
  - \$344,400 to Jefferson County for Bioenergy Initiative
  - \$1,000,000 for Jefferson County's Bioenergy Initiative (FY06)

- Supported redevelopment efforts at Fitzsimons and Stapleton to create a health care and biotechnology corridor
- Supported scientific research and deployment of same at National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the National Center for Atmospheric Research
- Supported Colorado's aerospace industry
  - \$1,600,000 for Respiratory Biodefense Research at National Jewish Medical and Research Center (Defense- Army RDT&E)
  - \$1,600,000 for a Micro Satellite Target System for the Air Force (MicroSat Systems, Inc., Littleton, CO) (Defense- Air Force RDT&E)
  - \$1,600,000 for Environmental Sensors for Special Forces (ADA Technologies, Littleton, CO) (Defense- Defense Wide RDT&E)
  - \$1,000,000 for Senior Scout Integrated Mission Trainer (Lockheed Martin Corporation, Littleton, CO) (Defense- Aircraft Procurement, Air Force)
  - \$1,000,000 for Advanced Materials Processing for Ultra-Efficient Power Systems (Vforge, Lakewood, CO) (Defense- Army RDT&E)
  - \$1,600,000 for Lightweight Motors for the Future Combat System (Vforge, Lakewood, CO) (Defense- Army RDT&E)
  - \$1,000,000 for the Medical Image Database Holographic Archiving Library System (MIDHALS) (InPhase Technologies, Longmont, CO) (Defense- Army RDT&E)
  - \$1,600,000 for the National Item Identification Number Validation and Correction (IHS, Inc., Englewood, CO) (Defense- Navy RDT&E)
  - \$1,000,000 for the Implantable Middle-Ear Hearing System (Ontologics, Boulder, CO) (Defense- Navy RDT&E)
  - \$2,400,000 for the Anti-Torpedo Torpedo (Barber-Nichols, Inc., Arvada, CO) (Defense- Navy RDT&E)
  - \$9,350,000 for Defense procurement and research with Metro area companies/facilities (FY07):
    - ◆ National Jewish Hospital's biodefense initiative
    - ◆ Sun Microsystems/InPhase Technologies
    - ◆ Ball Aerospace
    - ◆ VForge
    - ◆ Microsat
    - ◆ ADA Technologies
    - ◆ Boundless Corporation
  - \$13,150,000 for Defense procurement and research with Metro area companies/facilities (FY06):
    - ◆ National Jewish Hospital's biodefense initiative
    - ◆ MicroSat
    - ◆ StorageTek
    - ◆ Barber Nicols
    - ◆ Starsys
    - ◆ Phase IV Engineering
    - ◆ Skydex

- Significant Defense program funds benefiting Lockheed Martin (FY06)
- \$1,000,000 for ZettaCore for supercomputing research (FY06)
- Protected the mission and capabilities at Buckley Air Force Base, including creating a buffer zone from encroachment
  - Obtained budget funding to aid Department of Defense in addressing encroachment issues around military installations.
  - Worked with Aurora Chamber of Commerce and Buckley AFB leadership to stop Murphy Creek development which would have caused serious encroachment issues for aircraft flight paths.
  - \$7,300,000 to Buckley AFB to replace the outdated squadron operations facility that houses the F-16's of the 140th Air Wing of the Colorado National Guard
  - \$10,080,000 to Buckley AFB for Utility Infrastructure Improvements
- Supported 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver
  - Provided key support in urging the selection of Denver to be the host city
  - Convention generated an estimated \$260 million in economic benefit to the Denver area, \$100 million more than estimated when Denver was being promoted to be the host city.

### **III. Help Create Crown Jewels of Open Space and Restore Rivers**

- Implement Northeast Greenway Corridor Vision
  - Organized local governments surrounding the Rocky Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge to join together in developing a long-term integrated plan (Northeast Greenway Corridor, "NGC") to preserve, enhance and create open space, river corridor, wildlife habitat and recreation programs
  - helped the local governments comprising NGC to secure \$5 million Great Outdoors Legacy Grant funds to pursue implementation of NGC's open space plans
  - Convened meetings with NGC representatives to extend and implement this working arrangement between local governments.
- Examined how to protect lands Beyond the Fences at Rocky Flats
  - Brought representatives of local governments and other organizations together to address regional open space issues and opportunities "beyond the fences" of Rocky Flats.
  - Efforts led to the creation of a Rocky Flats Working Group and a Rocky Flats Leadership Group
- Secured funding for water supply and river restorations projects
  - \$268,632 to the Chatfield, Cherry Creek and Bear Creek Reservoirs for the Army Corps of Engineers General Investigations Study (Chatfield Relocation)
  - \$98,400 for the Army Corps of Engineers South Boulder Creek Floodplain Study



- “Priority designation” for the Army Corps of Engineers Lower Boulder Creek Restoration project
- “Priority designation” for the Army Corps of Engineers Goose Creek Restoration Project
- \$2,000,000 for cost-shared recreation development projects at Chatfield, Cherry Creek, and Trinidad State Parks
- \$1,698,090 to the American Water Works Research Foundation (AwwaRF) based in Denver
- \$984,400 for Beaver Brook Watershed Land Acquisition in Clear Creek and Jefferson Counties
- Cherry Creek and Chatfield Reservoirs receive a piece of \$2,000,000 cost share agreement for recreation from Army Corps of Engineers (FY07 and FY06)
- \$402,000 for Army Corps of Engineers Goose Creek Restoration (\$202,000 for FY07 and \$200,000 for FY06)
- \$515,000 for Army Corps of Engineers Lower Boulder Creek (\$275,000 for FY07 and \$240,000 for FY06)
- \$354,000 for the Army Corps of Engineers Chatfield re-allocation feasibility study (FY07)
- \$500,000 for the Englewood/Littleton Wastewater Treatment Plant (FY06)
- \$500,000 for Jefferson County - Stormwater Improvements (FY06)

#### **IV. Fight for Community Development and Fair Share of Federal Dollars**

- Co-Sponsored Foreclosure Prevention Workshops with the Colorado Division of Housing and the Colorado Foreclosure Prevention Hotline in the Pikes Peak, North Central and Greater Denver Metro Regions.
- Secured Additional Community Development Block Grants within the Housing and Economic Recovery Act to help address Colorado’s foreclosure crisis.
- Worked closely with the Colorado Division of Housing, the Colorado Housing Finance Authority, Public Housing Authorities and community development leaders on issues related to HOME/CDBG programs, foreclosure prevention issues and housing finance opportunities in the Denver Metro Region.
- \$800,000 for Regis University’s science building (FY06)
- \$147,000 to National Sports Center for the Disabled for Land acquisition planning, design, and construction of a multipurpose facility for disabled children and adults
- \$196,980 to the City and County of Denver for Homeless Veterans Supportive Housing
- \$150,000 for the City & County of Denver homeless housing acquisition and renovation (FY06)
- \$300,000 for the Denver Rescue Mission emergency shelter (FY06)
- \$282,000 to Denver Rescue Mission for the STAR Program

## **V. Make HealthCare Affordable and Accessible**

- Secured \$568 million for new Veterans Administration Hospital at Fitzsimons.
- Assisted in VA/University of Colorado agreement on sale/purchase of UPI Building to complete land acquisition for new VA hospital
- Obtained new location, upgraded veterans Community Based Outreach Clinic in Aurora for metro area veterans with approximately 4,000 unique patient visits annually
- \$468,667 to The Children's Hospital-Denver for relocation to the Fitzsimmons Medical Campus
- \$242,685 to the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center for the Linda Crnic Institute for Research and Treatment of Down Syndrome
- \$430,348 to Denver Health and Hospital Authority for Facility Expansion and Modernization
- \$162,117 to the Colorado School of Mines for the Mine-SENTRY system
- \$80,567 to Exempla Saint Joseph's Hospital for a Mobile Mammography Program
- \$95,305 to Jefferson County for a child abuse prevention and treatment program
- \$286,899 to Allied Jewish Federation of Colorado for the naturally occurring retirement communities demonstration project
- \$306,549 to Avista Adventist Hospital for health information systems
- \$478,492 to National Jewish Medical Research Center for Environmental Health Research

## **VI. Help Meet Security and Law Enforcement Needs**

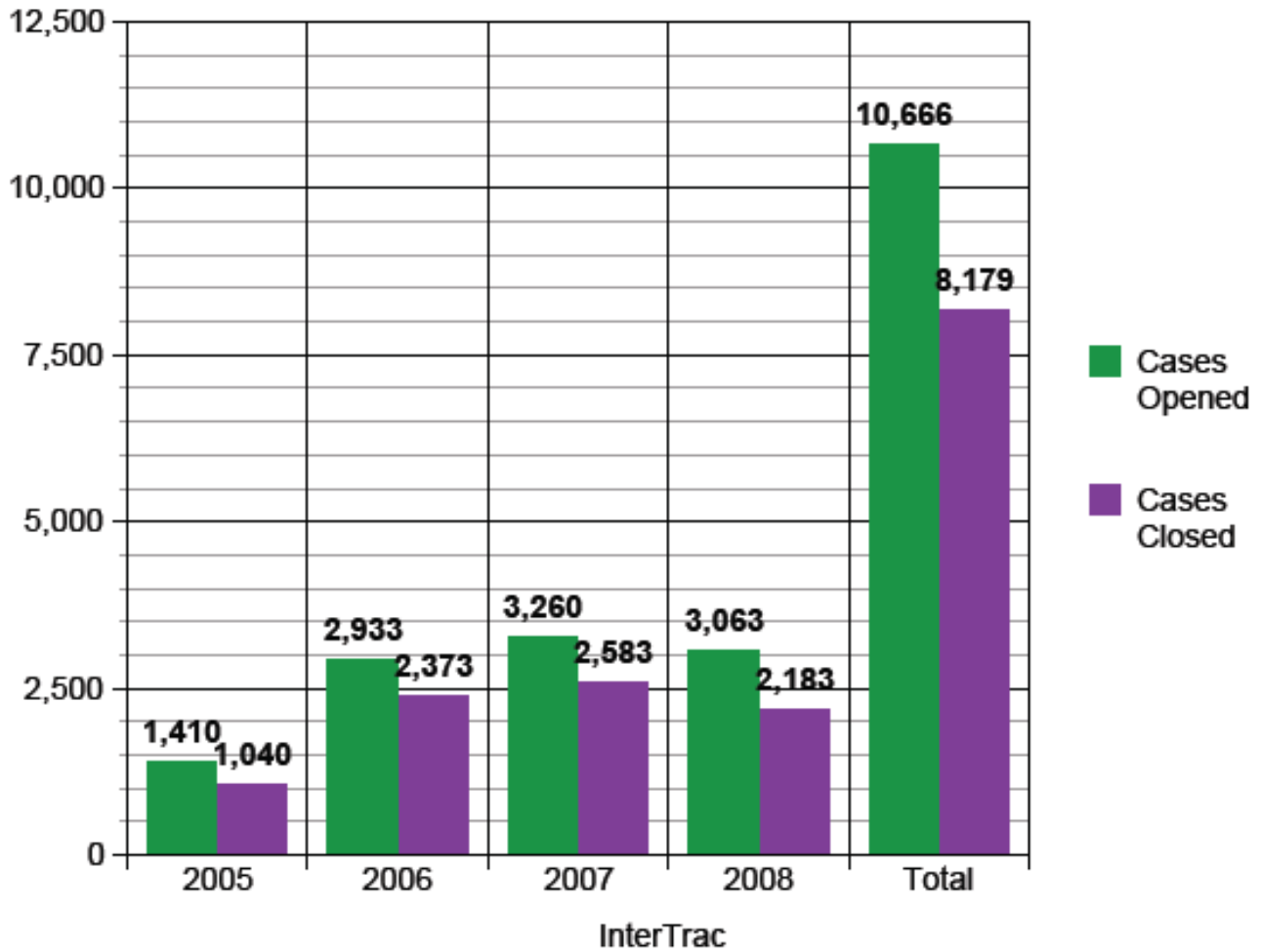
- Secured funding for law enforcement, safe schools and drug prevention Appropriations
  - \$376,000 for the Denver Police Department Gang Bureau
  - \$267,900 for the Metro Gang Task Force
  - \$709,700 for a National Center for Audio/Video Forensics at the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center
  - \$111,625 to the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for the West Metro Drug Task Force
  - \$944,700 to the Broomfield Police Department for the North Metro Task Force (combined House earmark and Senate earmark)
  - \$70,500 to the National Jewish Medical Center for the Methamphetamine Intervention and Protection Program for Children
  - \$312,550 to the University of Colorado-Boulder for the Colorado Schools Safety Program

- \$100,000 for the Denver Rescue Mission’s drug and alcohol rehabilitation program (FY06)
- \$150,000 for Jefferson County’s “Combat Meth Program” (FY06)
- \$100,000 for the I Have a Dream Foundation (national program with efforts in CO) (FY06)
- \$150,000 for the University of Colorado, Denver Center for A/V Forensics (FY06)
- \$750,000 for the University of Colorado, Boulder Institute for Micro & Nano Technology (FY06)
- \$305,500 to Jefferson County for the Methamphetamine Response Collaborative
- Worked to fill Federal District Court Judgeships
  - Established a bipartisan Judicial Nominations Advisory Commission
  - Commission reviewed over 60 judicial applications, interviewed over 25 applicants, and submitted a short list of recommendations to the Senator for consideration.

## **VII. Facilitate Federal Grants**

- Denver-based staff organized grant workshops in La Junta, Alamosa, Durango and Montrose. The workshops provided local residents, businesses and organizations with a chance to learn more about the research and application process for grants and competitive funding opportunities, view presentations from different state and federal agencies on available grant programs, and understand how congressional offices can provide support in the process.
- \$535,000 (for three years) Health & Human Services Refugee Services Grant for Rocky Mountain Survivors Center (GRANT)
- \$21,978 PFTP Grant for KGNU Radio (Boulder) (FY06) (GRANT)
- \$22,674,393 projected over 5 years (\$5,747,869 in 2006) Department of Education Teacher Incentive Fund Grant to Denver Public Schools (FY06) (GRANT)
- HUD Section 202 Senior Housing Facility grant to Longmont Housing Authority: \$492,300 there year rental subsidy; \$5,884,200 capital advance (FY06) (GRANT)
- Health & Human Services Shelter Plus Care Grant to City and County of Denver for homeless veterans (FY06) (GRANT)

### Colorado Casework Totals



**TOTAL REGIONAL VISITS PER YEAR  
U.S. SENATOR KEN SALAZAR**

<b>REGIONS</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>Total Visits</b>
<b>Arkansas River Region</b>	21	23	8	26			78
<b>Four Corners Region</b>	7	8	2	8			25
<b>Greater Metro Region</b>	69	69	32	64			234
<b>High Plains Region</b>	14	11	3	12			40
<b>Highway 50 West Region</b>	7	8	3	11			29
<b>I-70 West Region</b>	8	13	5	15			41
<b>North Central Region</b>	6	6	7	8			27
<b>Northwest Region</b>	6	8	2	6			22
<b>Pikes Peak Region</b>	9	12	9	13			43
<b>San Luis Valley Region</b>	13	10	3	10			36