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ATF OPENS NEW FIELD DIVISION IN DENVER

WASHINGTON – The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) has opened the new Denver Field Division to better focus human resources in the region to fight violent crime and to protect the nation, announced ATF Acting Director Michael J. Sullivan and U.S. Attorney Troy A. Eid, District of Colorado, today in Denver.

The new field division – comprising Colorado, Montana, Wyoming and Utah – will improve ATF's ability to combat violent criminal gangs and organizations, and to share information and intelligence with its investigative partners.

“Thanks to the support of the Administration and Congress, we are excited to be able to establish this new field division for ATF. The first priority of ATF is to make our communities safer from gang-, firearms- and explosives-related violent crime,” said Director Sullivan. “The strategic realignment of special agents and industry operations investigators through the establishment of the Denver Field Division – in conjunction with our local, state, regional and federal law enforcement partners – will better assist ATF achieve that goal in this region.”

“ATF's new Denver Field Division is good news for Colorado,” said U.S. Attorney Troy Eid. “ATF already plays a crucial role in combating violent crimes involving firearms, arson and explosives. Building an even stronger ATF presence here will benefit the entire Rocky Mountain West.”

The Denver Field Division management team includes Matthew Horace, acting special agent in charge, two acting assistant special agents in charge and a director of industry operations. The new field division also has an intelligence group dedicated to identifying criminal trends, analyzing trafficking data and developing focused information in support of the Bureau's mission.

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The realignment of Wyoming, Utah and Colorado from the Phoenix Field Division improves ATF's ability to manage programs and resources in the large geographical area. The Phoenix Field Division previously covered approximately 500,000 square miles and encompassed five judicial districts. Likewise, Montana has been reassigned from the St. Paul Field Division, easing a similarly expansive geographical challenge. The realignment also includes a transfer of counties in southern New Mexico, previously part of the Dallas Field Division, to the Phoenix Field Division.

Additional benefits to the region from the new field division opening include more efficient response time to enforcement activities and better working relationships with state and local partners, as well as other federal agencies currently located in Denver. Partnerships with regulated industry associations will continue to be strengthened. The new Denver Field Division is responsible for more than 5,300 federal firearms licensees and nearly 900 explosives licensees and permittees.

The Denver Field Division consists of criminal enforcement and industry operations offices in Denver; Cheyenne, Wyo.; Salt Lake City; and Helena, Mont. Additionally, there are criminal enforcement offices in Billings and Missoula, Mont.; Lander, Wyo. and Colorado Springs, Colo. The division has more than 100 special agents and industry operations investigators. Other resources include explosives enforcement officers, certified fire investigators, certified explosives specialists, and members of the National Response Team. The arrangement of the field and satellite offices allows for personnel growth opportunities within the division.

The new field division is located in the Byron Rogers Federal Building, 1961 Stout Street, Denver. The division office can be reached at (303) 844-7450.

More information on ATF and its programs can be found at <http://www.atf.gov/>.

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