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THE WESTERN COLORADO DELEGATION APPLAUDS GOVERNOR HICKENLOOPER'S SUPPORT OF JORDAN COVE LNG EXPORT FACILITY

Western Colorado – Governor John Hickenlooper's endorsement of Jordan Cove LNG, the only advanced liquefied natural gas export terminal proposed on the U.S. West Coast, is receiving accolades from the Western Colorado Delegation, a consortium of local business and municipal stakeholders from the West Slope of Colorado.

The Governor joins other high profile supporters including U.S. Senators Michael Bennet and Cory Gardner, and western Colorado congressional representative Scott Tipton.

In June 2015, the Western Colorado Delegation met with executives from Jordan Cove LNG in Calgary, AB to discuss how Northwest Colorado could provide support for the project moving forward. Bonnie Peterson, executive director of Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado initiated conversations with Colorado's elected officials about communicating the project's importance for local governments and the Western Colorado economy.

Garfield County Commissioner and AGNC board member Mike Samson attended the trip to Calgary and noted, "We are pleased Associated Government of Northwest Colorado had the honor of working with Governor Hickenlooper towards this important endorsement. We look forward to advancing our communities access to overseas trade partners for decades to come."

Natural gas producers in the Piceance Basin join the Western Colorado Delegation in supporting the Jordan Cove LNG project. "The Piceance Basin holds vast reserves of natural gas," said Tyler Bittner, Piceance Basin district manager, WPX Energy. "Exporting liquefied natural gas provides new markets for Western Colorado and a clean energy source for the Pacific Rim."

The delegation also expressed appreciation for Governor Hickenlooper's forthcoming trade mission to the Pacific Rim later this year. A trip Western Colorado Delegation affiliate Mercator Energy received an invitation to attend. In 2014 Mercator Energy drafted, on behalf of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership and Colorado Mesa University, a white paper titled *From Piceance to the Pacific Rim* – a document that launched an entire community economic development initiative. Kristi Pollard of the Grand Junction Economic Partnership noted, "Western Colorado's Piceance to the Pacific Rim Initiative is advancing and now includes Colorado's top level executive leadership in the form of our state's Governor. We couldn't be more excited to hear Governor Hickenlooper will be able to communicate the importance of projects like Jordan Cove both here and abroad in the coming months." Also expressing appreciation of the state support was City of Grand Junction Mayor Phyllis Norris who noted, "Colorado's support for the Jordon Cove project will have a positive impact on the future economy of Western Colorado."

The Western Colorado Delegation traveled to Calgary with support from the Grand Junction Area Chamber of Commerce and President and CEO, Diane Schwenke. “Support by the Governor’s office is much welcomed, and shows the power all of us have in working together,” stated Schwenke. “Our consensus and common goals result in collective efforts that ultimately lead to jobs and a stronger economy.” Mesa County Commissioner John Justman agreed, “Mesa County sincerely thanks the Governor for his support of the Jordan Cove LNG project in Oregon. When completed, this will be a real economic driver for the Western Slope of Colorado.”

Local business owner, Mike Anton, EmTech summed up the sentiments of many in the delegation. “We were optimistic about the outcomes the Calgary trip would produce, but the letter of support from the Governor exceeds our expectations of success. We should all be proud of the impact we have made not just on Western Colorado but the entire country!”

The Jordan Cove LNG export facility is expected to receive regulatory approvals at the federal, state and local levels and may see exports begin in the next five to six years. Natural gas produced in NW Colorado is expected to be a major supply source via the Ruby Pipeline for exports of LNG to Asian markets within 9 days of the Jordan Cove facility.

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