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IPAMS Congratulates Abbey on BLM Nomination

Respected public servant will bring balance and credibility to public lands policy

(DENVER)- The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS) today congratulated Bob Abbey as President Obama's nominee for Director of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), a position critical to helping America meet its energy challenges.

"Since 27% of the nation's natural gas is produced from lands in the Intermountain West, it is important to have a strong and experienced BLM Director. Bob Abbey is thoughtful, even-tempered, and responsive to stakeholder concerns. Independent energy producers in the Intermountain West strongly approve of his nomination for BLM Director," said IPAMS Executive Director, Marc Smith.

"As a career BLM employee, Bob understands natural resource management and the importance of multiple-use on public lands. He is widely recognized as a thought leader in sustainable resource development, and knows the issues that Westerners face. Bob's on-the-ground land management experience will lend balance and credibility to the important public land management decisions he will make as Director. Our industry looks forward to a continued partnership with the BLM under Bob's direction as we help address our nation's energy challenges," concluded Smith.

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About IPAMS

The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS), founded in 1974, is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 independent natural gas and oil producers, service and supply companies, banking and financial institutions, industry consultants, and their 150,000 employees who are committed to environmentally responsible natural gas and oil development in the Intermountain West. More information on IPAMS and its members is available at www.ipams.org.