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IPAMS Ads to Highlight Importance of Intermountain West to Nation's Energy Woes

DNC ad campaign will stress need for access to Western public lands to meet American's energy demands

(DENVER)- The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS) today announced that it will sponsor an advertising campaign during next week's Democratic National Convention to increase awareness of the essential role that oil and natural gas companies in the Intermountain West will play in meeting America's energy challenges.

"Western energy producers welcome Senator Obama and the Democratic Party to Denver and look forward to discussing how our region can help solve the nation's energy challenges," said Marc Smith, IPAMS Executive Director.

"The public lands in the Intermountain West hold vast amounts of clean, domestic and affordable energy. Today our region produces 25% of the nation's natural gas while occupying less than 1% of public lands," said Smith. "To meet America's future energy demands, we will need all forms of energy, and natural gas—the cleanest fossil fuel—needs to be a critical component of any national energy policy.

"As the delegates go about their work next week, crafting their party's platform and creating a vision for the future, we invite them to learn more about how natural gas is making America stronger, safer, and cleaner."

IPAMS has also launched a website (www.ipams.org/dnc) designed to serve as a resource for delegates seeking more information on natural gas development. The site emphasizes the small and temporary environmental impacts of natural gas development, the importance of natural gas as a back-up source to wind and solar power, and natural gas's role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

"Natural gas is the silent partner to renewable energy sources, providing essential backup energy when the wind isn't blowing and the sun isn't shining," said Smith. "Also, as the cleanest burning fossil fuel, natural gas is a critical part of any plan to reduce CO2 emissions."

Click here to download a copy of the ad: <http://ipams.org/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/dncad.pdf>

Visit www.ipams.org/dnc for more information.

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