



AGNC RESOLUTION NO. 01-2025

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING U.S. SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR DOUG BURGUM TO DELIVER THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS AT THE 2026 JOLT ENERGY SUMMIT IN GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Western Slope of Colorado has long served as a powerhouse of American energy production, from coal to oil and gas, providing reliable, affordable fuel to the state and nation while supporting generations of local jobs and rural communities;

WHEREAS, Northwest Colorado continues to believe that energy independence depends on responsible domestic extraction and development—not on shutting down access to the very resources that built our communities and powered our economy for generations;

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado continues to pursue policies that restrict or eliminate traditional energy development, creating significant challenges for energy-producing communities who have proudly contributed to the state's prosperity for decades;

WHEREAS, the Joint Organizations Leading Transition (JOLT) Energy Summit, to be held in Grand Junction in 2026, will bring together policymakers, industry leaders, and community advocates to discuss the future of energy, the rights of local communities, and the need for balanced transition strategies that include—not exclude—traditional energy resources, touting a mantra of an all-of-the-above strategy;

WHEREAS, U.S. Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum has consistently championed energy-producing communities across the nation, advocating for an all-of-the-above energy strategy that prioritizes domestic resource development, rural economic resilience, and innovation over regulation;

WHEREAS, Secretary Burgum's leadership in defending coal, oil, and gas jobs, investing in energy infrastructure and carbon capture, and fighting back against overreaching federal land restrictions aligns directly with the values, vision, and lived experience of Northwest Colorado communities;

WHEREAS, Secretary Burgum has demonstrated a clear commitment to keeping energy affordable, reliable, and made in America—principles that the Western Slope stands behind, even as we navigate the challenges of state and federal transition policy;

WHEREAS, Secretary Burgum has recognized that energy policy is national security policy, acknowledging that a strong and sovereign America depends on access to abundant, domestically produced energy—a view shared by Northwest Colorado communities who are committed to securing the nation’s future through continued energy independence;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ASSOCIATED GOVERNMENTS OF NORTHWEST COLORADO (AGNC):

1. That AGNC formally and respectfully requests U.S. Secretary of the Interior Doug Burgum to serve as keynote speaker at the 2026 JOLT Energy Summit in Grand Junction, Colorado.
2. That Secretary Burgum’s leadership and participation would send a powerful message to rural energy communities working to remain part of America’s energy future.
3. That AGNC will work collaboratively with the U.S. Department of the Interior, relevant Congressional offices, and partner organizations to coordinate and support Secretary Burgum’s attendance.
4. That this resolution be transmitted to Secretary Burgum, the Department of the Interior, and appropriate federal offices, along with a formal invitation to participate in the 2026 JOLT Energy Summit on June 25 & 26, 2026, at Colorado Mesa University.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of April 2025.

ATTEST:



Cody Davis
Chair, Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado
Mesa County Commissioner



Chris Nichols
Vice-Chair, Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado
Craig City Mayor