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AGNC MEETS WITH GOVERNOR HICKENLOOPER

GRAND JUNCTION – The Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado held a public meeting with Governor John Hickenlooper at the Mesa County Workforce Center in Grand Junction on Tuesday, May 12, in which several topics of critical importance to the region were discussed.

The Governor, along with his Director of Rural Policy and Outreach John Swartout, and Department of Local Affairs Director Irv Halter, took questions from AGNC members on issues including Greater Sage Grouse, coal mining, proposed EPA carbon regulations, water storage, and BLM Resource Management Plans.

Rio Blanco County Commissioner Jeff Eskelson, Chairman of the AGNC Board, said that he was pleased that the Governor took the time to meet with the organization, and to address the various issues.

"We were honored to host the Governor, and thankful for the opportunity to talk with him about some very critical issues that will have enormous impacts on the economy of northwest Colorado," said Eskelson. "We believe it is important that the Governor hear first-hand from local governments about which issues are important to us and our citizens, and how decisions on these issues will impact our region."

Grand Junction Mayor Pro-tem and AGNC Vice Chairman Marty Chazen said that both the Association and the City of Grand Junction were happy to welcome Governor Hickenlooper to the West Slope. "We appreciate the Governor making the trip out here, and that he took the time to listen to our issues," Chazen said. "I think it shows the importance of having an organization like AGNC, to be able to communicate our region's concerns directly with the Governor and several of his key staff."

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