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NORTHWEST COLORADO TO HOST COLORADO SPACE BUSINESS ROUNDTABLE (CSBR) ROAD TRIP TO ATTRACT NEW INDUSTRY TO COAL COMMUNITIES

CRAIG, CO (August 15, 2023) – The Colorado Space Business Roundtable (CSBR) in partnership with the Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC) to host an official road trip for invited aerospace business leaders, legislators, local energy business stakeholders, and local government trailblazers to encourage industry growth in Moffat and Routt counties. On August 22 and 23, 2023, CSBR and AGNC will provide a guided tour of regions currently facing a coal transition with multiple mines and coal-fired power plants closing by 2030. For this transition, the local road trip planning group will unveil the new vision of the Trapper Industrial Park to CSBR industry participants.

At 1:30pm on Tuesday, August 22, special guest U.S. Senator Michael Bennet plans to join a tour of the Trapper Mine with Moffat County, AGNC and CSBR participants.

“These Colorado communities are ready for new industry partners to discover the great northwest region of this beautiful state,” said Melody Villard, Moffat County Commissioner. “This region is known for pioneers, from the early days of energy exploration to this time of transition, the resiliency and innovation in Moffat and Routt counties will be showcased to new industry leaders looking for expansion and new opportunities.”

The tour will include stops at the following locations: Craig Station Power Plant, Trapper Mine facility, Moffat County Courthouse, Yampa Valley Regional Airport. Presentations will include representatives from CSBR, AGNC, Moffat County Commission, Craig Economic Development, Craig Station Power Plant, Routt County Commission, Yampa Valley Regional Airport Business Park, Yampa Valley Partnership for Students, Stewardship, and Sustainability (YVPS3), and Colorado Northwest Community College.

The goals of the CSBR Road Trips, a statewide focus, are threefold:

1. To promote Colorado Aerospace – discuss how all regions of the state benefit from Colorado’s aerospace industry
2. To seek potential suppliers and subcontractors
3. To engage educators and students in aerospace STEM activities and opportunities.

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Though the focus industry on this 2-day trip is aerospace, the discussions and plans expand further to a wide range of trades who are being approached regarding the opportunities at the newly envisioned *Trapper Industrial Park*. The modern infrastructure, community support, and highly skilled workforce at the proposed *Trapper Industrial Park* are primed for an established company looking to expand their operations in a region that will support their success. Find the newly created *Trapper Industrial Park* brochure on the City of Craig Economic Development site, [Trapper Industrial Park | discovercraig.com](http://discovercraig.com).

A special thanks to the sponsors of this event, who include Colorado Space Business Roundtable (CSBR), Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado (AGNC), TriState Generation and Transmission, and the Yampa Valley Regional Airport.

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About CSBR (www.coloradosbr.org)

Colorado Space Business Roundtable (CSBR) is Colorado's premier organization for networking, business, and policy discussions with aerospace professionals across Colorado. As advocates for growth, CSBR helps position and connect people and businesses across the state's thriving aerospace sector. We are committed to keeping our members well-informed, and connected to resources, including human and capital. CSBR members are often the first to know about public, private, and legislative initiatives critical to making business decisions, and are part of an alliance that is influencing business growth in our state. We pride ourselves on our dedication to diversity, equity, and inclusion as well as our support and advocacy for state-wide STEM education initiatives. Join CSBR to learn, network, engage, connect, and be a part of our efforts to expand and connect Colorado's leading position in the aerospace industry.

About AGNC (www.agnc.org)

Associated Governments of Northwest Colorado is a council of governments and designated Economic Development District, representing the counties of Garfield, Mesa, Moffat, and Rio Blanco and all the municipalities therein. Their mission is to advocate, inform, and reflect the needs of its members by promoting the values, industries, and economies of Northwest Colorado.