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IPAMS Responds to Department of Interior Press Conference

(DENVER)- Today the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS) released the following statement in response to a Department of Interior press conference led by Secretary Ken Salazar.

"Western natural gas producers have a great answer for some of the most pressing economic and environmental challenges of our times – It's the clean domestic energy we produce. Natural gas can help clean up our air, keep our economy moving and reduce dependence on foreign oil.

"It's important to recognize that developing American clean energy requires a partnership with government and community stakeholders. We are all accountable to the American public to ensure that responsible development occurs. As such, we don't believe it's unreasonable to ask the Department of Interior to explain the rationale for its decisions and express concern when trends are not headed in the right direction.

"The management of federal energy resources has profound implication for the cost of energy, job creation, revenue growth and economic activity. We were very encouraged to hear that Secretary Salazar believes '...it is important for the oil-and-gas industry to have certainty.'" We look forward to meeting with Department of Interior to explore ideas about how America can more responsibly develop its federal energy resources."

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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 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.