

Media Advisory



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Will Federal Oil & Gas Policies Hurt the West? *IPAMS leads webinar on federal policies and their implications for western jobs, economies and regional competitiveness*

(DENVER) – The Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS) will participate in an online webinar with the Western Business Roundtable regarding implications of changes to the federal onshore natural gas and oil program. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. MDT on April 22, 2010. Viewers can observe the discussion via a computer and phone line.

Recent federal government policies are affecting the ability of independent natural gas and oil producers to develop on non-park, non-wilderness federal lands in the West, where over 50% of the production is federal. IPAMS will discuss data showing that federal policies are making the region less competitive and causing jobs and investment to leave the West.

Who: **Kathleen Sgamma**, Director of Government Affairs for the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States (IPAMS), on the policy changes and the impacts to the West.

Daryl Stewart, owner of Stewart Petroleum, on how policies are directly impacting his small business and preventing him from creating jobs and generating state and local government revenue.

Mark Raymond, Commissioner of Uintah County, Utah, on the direct impact of federal policies to his county, where 50% of the jobs and 60% of wages are related to natural gas and oil development.

Jim Sims, President & CEO, Western Business Roundtable, Moderator.

What: Panel discussion on how federal onshore natural gas and oil policies are negatively impacting western jobs, economies and regional competitiveness.

When: Thursday, April 22, 2010 (via webinar) at 11:00 a.m. MDT (1:00 p.m. EDT)

This webinar is offered at no charge by the Western Business Roundtable, but you must register to participate. [Please click here to register](#). Information on how to participate will be emailed to individuals upon successful registration.

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About IPAMS

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 energy development in the Intermountain West. More information on IPAMS and its members is available at www.ipams.org.