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Response to Nomination of Sally Jewell as New Secretary of Interior

(DENVER) - Western Energy Alliance released the following statement regarding the nomination of Sally Jewell as Secretary of the Interior.

"Western Energy Alliance welcomes the nomination of REI CEO Sally Jewell as Interior Secretary," said Tim Wigley, President of Western Energy Alliance. "Her experience as a petroleum engineer and business leader will bring a unique perspective to an office that is key to our nation's energy portfolio. We hope to see a better balance of productive development on non-park, non-wilderness public lands that enhances the wealth of America and creates jobs while protecting the environment. Oil and natural gas companies have achieved that balance in the West – delivering 18% of American oil and 26% of natural gas production while disturbing less than 0.07% of federal lands. We look forward to working with the new secretary."

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About Western Energy Alliance

Western Energy Alliance, founded in 1974 as the Independent Petroleum Association of Mountain States, is a non-profit trade association representing more than 400 companies engaged in all aspects of environmentally responsible exploration and production of oil and natural gas in the West. More information on Western Energy Alliance and its members is available at www.westernenergyalliance.org.