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Strong Support Directs Representative Al White into Race for the Senate

Al White Announces Candidacy for SD 8

Sept. 6, 2007 (Hayden) – Today, state Rep. Al White (HD-57) decided to continue his service representing the people of the western slope by announcing his candidacy for state Senate District 8.

"After discussing the possibility of a run for the senate with my family and friends, I have decided to continue my efforts serving the people of Northwest Colorado at the state capitol," said White. "There is much work to be done and I feel that my service is not an option, but an obligation to the citizens of the district."

This will not be new territory for White who represented all or parts of Garfield, Grand, Jackson, Moffat, Rio Blanco and Routt counties in his current House District. Senate District 8 includes all of Moffat, Routt, Jackson and Rio Blanco counties, as well as parts of Eagle and Garfield counties.

It was known that White was contemplating a run for the seat that has been held for the last two terms by Sen. Jack Taylor. Many legislators and officials voiced strong words of encouragement and support toward the prospect of White's campaign.

"White would be a cornerstone just like (Sen.) Taylor," Moffat County Commissioner Saed Tayyara said. "He is up-front and doesn't hide anything. Bring any issue to him, and he's always willing to sit with someone until he understands their position. He doesn't hesitate to stand and speak up about county issues."

A colleague and ally in the legislature, Senator Taylor also spoke in support of White saying, "Should he choose to run, he has my full and complete support because of his experience and history representing the people of Northwest Colorado."

"I am truly humbled to have the support of Senator Taylor and so many of my friends and colleagues," said White. "I am restless to begin this campaign trail so that I can continue my efforts to reach out to the residents of this great region and find solutions to issues affecting them."

Prior to his service in the state legislature, White and his wife, Jean, maintained deep roots in the mountains of Colorado. The Whites spent 25 years in the ski business as owners and operators of several full service ski shops, a bike shop and a mountain lodge. An active member of the business community, he served on several bank boards and as the Vice Chair of the Winter Park Fraser Valley Chamber of Commerce. Additionally, White served as the Chairman of the Fraser Valley Metropolitan Recreation District and Secretary of the Grand County Water and Sanitation board. Al currently resides in both Hayden and Winter Park with his wife of 28 years. They have two children Devin, 26, and Jenna, 22.