

# Wayne Allard

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## **SENATOR ALLARD TO INTRODUCE BILL TO DESIGNATE SAND CREEK MASSACRE NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE**

### *Senator is optimistic legislation will get through Congress this year*

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) announced Friday that he will introduce legislation in the United States Senate to designate the Sand Creek Massacre site in Eads, Colorado as a national historic site.

“The purpose of my legislation is to establish this site to commemorate the Native American tribal members who were killed in a dispute with the U.S. Army in 1864,” Senator Allard said. “This is the right thing to do.”

Similar legislation, co-sponsored by Senator Allard, was introduced in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress and was passed by the Senate. Unfortunately, it did not pass the U.S. House. If enacted, Senator Allard’s legislation will allow for land that is acquired from willing sellers to be placed in a tribal trust in order to facilitate long-term management of the park. Senator Allard’s office has received a letter of support for this legislation from the Northern Cheyenne Tribe.

“I supported similar legislation in the 108<sup>th</sup> Congress which passed in the Senate, and am optimistic that we can get the bill through the Congress this year,” Senator Allard said. “This legislation will benefit all of Colorado, and safeguard a site that is not only historic but also sacred to the descendants of the individuals who were killed there.”

Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave plans to reintroduce companion legislation in the House of Representatives.

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