**News Statement**

**Jon Goldin-Dubois, President of Western Resource Advocates, Appointed to Colorado’s Oil and Gas Task Force**

COLORADO (September 9, 2014) - Western Resource Advocates is pleased to announce that its President, Jon Goldin-Dubois, has been chosen to serve on the Oil and Gas Task Force created by Colorado Governor Hickenlooper and Representative Jared Polis. He will bring a strong and balanced environmental perspective to the important, and challenging work of the Task Force.

As oil and gas drilling, including fracking, continues to expand across the state, the need to address the health and safety concerns of citizens has also expanded. Work of the Task Force will include helping local governments and communities find solutions to outstanding conflicts and greater protections while allowing for development of oil and natural gas, a key fuel in moving the state away from coal pollution and toward a cleaner energy future. President Goldin-Dubois will build on Western Resource Advocates’ previous work and experience helping develop the 2012-2013 rules on setbacks and monitoring impacts to ground water. Western Resource Advocates appreciates the confidence of Governor Hickenlooper and Representative Polis in appointing Mr. Goldin-Dubois to serve the state in this capacity.

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