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**Beauprez's Solution to Energy Demands: Move the Elk!
Conservationists Respond to Congressman's Beauprez's Record on Energy**

RIFLE, CO – During a gubernatorial debate on energy, Congressman Beauprez continued to dwell on his wildlife management proposal instead of explaining lopsided support for the oil and gas industry.

"Congressman Beauprez is intent on distracting voters by discussing his misguided wildlife plan instead of explaining his votes against renewable energy development," said Carrie Doyle, Director of the Colorado Conservation Voters Campaign Fund (CCVCF). "Asking elk to change migration patterns is not a sound idea, and certainly points to Bob Beauprez's willingness to bend the laws of nature in an effort to further serve special interests."

In his campaign for Governor, Congressman Beauprez is working hard to distance himself from a congressional record that is rife with special interest votes. For example, Rep. Beauprez voted for the oil shale and tar sands royalty subsidy, which would reduce revenues available to local Colorado communities to manage the impacts of energy development. In addition, the Colorado Water Quality Control Commission continued to monitor storm water runoff from oil and gas development despite Congressman Beauprez's vote to exempt some oil and gas drilling activities from the Clean Water Act and Safe Drinking Water Act.

Further, Rep. Beauprez opposed sensible clean energy solutions, such as requiring new cars to go further on a gallon of gas.

On the issue of renewable energy, Congressman Beauprez opposed Amendment 37, the 2004 renewable energy initiative passed by Colorado voters. "The Congressman's voting record places the priorities of the oil and gas industry ahead of the needs of Colorado communities," continued Doyle. "By voting to fast track energy development and weaken clean water protections, the Congressman has shown that he just doesn't get it when it comes to the impacts of energy development on Colorado communities."

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The League of Conservation Voters (LCV) recently named Congressman Beauprez (CO) to LCV's 2006 "Dirty Dozen" list, which holds elected officials accountable for their votes and actions by highlighting some of the worst environmental records in Congress. Since its inception in 1996, more than half of the candidates named to the "Dirty Dozen" were subsequently defeated.

"Colorado's next Governor should have a statewide vision that encompasses the needs of our community as a whole," Carrie Doyle said. "Congressman Beauprez's vision for our state has repeatedly left us asking 'which way, Bob?'"

The Colorado Conservation Voters Campaign Fund (CCVCF) is the independent political voice of Colorado's environment. CCVCF is a non-partisan organization. CCVCF serves to make protecting Colorado's environment a top priority for voters, candidates and elected officials in Colorado.

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