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DENVER (August 3, 2017) — U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator Scott Pruitt continued his state action tour in Colorado today, marking the seventh state visit in three weeks.

“There is now hope and optimism for farmers, ranchers and agribusinesses across the country. Two years ago, senior EPA officials with the previous Administration visited Frasier Ranch promising this same audience that agriculture would experience no adverse effects by the 2015 WOTUS rule,” **said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt**. “Unfortunately, that couldn't have been further from the truth. Today, I returned to the farm to ensure Coloradans regulatory certainty and return traditional oversight back to the states and prioritize keeping Colorado's water clean.”

Administrator Pruitt began his visit by addressing Cloud Peak Energy in Broomfield, Colo. to discuss the Agency's agenda to enact sensible energy policy that promotes environmental stewardship while unnecessarily harming jobs. Following his address, Administrator Pruitt visited Fraiser Ranch in Woodrow, Colo. where he discussed EPA's recent decision to begin the process of redefining the definition of a “Waters of the United States” (WOTUS) rule that would seek to provide regulatory certainty for farmers, ranchers, and land owners and also empower traditional regulatory roles for state governments.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt discusses WOTUS with Fraiser Ranch employees in Woodrow, Colo.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt greets Fraiser Ranch employees in Woodrow, Colo.

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