

## **Greg E. Walcher**

### **Employment History:**

2004 – Present: President, Natural Resources Group, Washington, DC, Grand Junction  
Private consulting firm offering expertise, institutional knowledge, contacts, and strategic advice on natural resources and environmental policy and issues. Specialize in issues related to public lands, parks, water, endangered species and wildlife, forest management, energy, and private property.

1999-2004: Executive Director, Colorado Department of Natural Resources, Denver  
Cabinet Position with oversight and administration of one of Colorado's largest departments: 2500 employees, 8 divisions, 14 boards and commissions, \$180 million budget. Jurisdiction: wildlife, parks, water, forestry, public lands, oil and gas, minerals and geology.

1990 – Present: Co-Owner, Pear Blossom Farms, Palisade, Colorado  
Vertically integrated operation of fruit and produce farm, food processing, direct marketing, retail and wholesale food products with customers nationwide.

1989-1999: President and Executive Director, CLUB 20  
Non-partisan, non-profit association of cities, counties, businesses, and individuals serving the interests of Western Colorado through promotion, advertising, and political action. Budget and membership tripled during Walcher's tenure through activism on important issues facing the region: water, forest health, tourism, transportation, telecommunications and public lands.

1979-1989: Staff, U.S. Senator William L. Armstrong, Washington, D.C.  
Served as Correspondent, Legislative Assistant, and Executive Director, with administrative oversight of D.C. office, including personnel. Legislative duties included agriculture, public lands, natural resources, commerce, transportation, govt. affairs.

### **Volunteer Work, Boards and Commissions:**

Natural Resources Leadership Council of the States, President (2002-2004) –  
National organization of 42 state natural resources/environment cabinet secretaries  
Pinchot Institute for Conservation, Washington, D.C., board member (2001-2003)  
American Society of Assn. Executives, D.C., policy committee, (1997-98)

1999-2004: Colorado Wildlife Commission, Mined Land Reclamation Board,  
Water Conservation Board, Great Outdoors Colorado Trust Fund Board,  
Groundwater Commission, Governor's Commission on Saving Open Space,  
Farms and Ranches, Civil Service Reform Commission, Forest Health  
Advisory Council

Policy councils and boards: Heartland Institute (2014-), Centennial Institute  
(2014-), Energy & Environment Legal Institute (2013-), Western Colorado

Community Foundation (1994-2000), El Pomar Foundation Awards for Excellence Commission (1991-1997), Colorado State Society (1985-1989)

**Education:**

B.A. Social Sciences/American History/Political Science, CO Mesa Univ., 1979  
CRS Advanced Legislative Institute, 1985

**Author:**

- *“Smoking Them Out: The Theft of the Environment and How to Take it Back.”* Washington, D.C. Energy & Environment Legal Institute, 2013. Second printing, 2015.
- Regular weekly newspaper column on the impact of federal policies in rural America, The Daily Sentinel, various syndicated outlets, 2015-