



DEEPWATER HORIZON OIL SPILL

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Many of us have been following the distressing news about the catastrophic oil spill that has contaminated the water, wetlands, marine life and communities of Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi and Florida. In addition to this massive environmental tragedy unfolding in the Gulf Coast after the April 20th explosion, eleven men lost their lives that day in the fiery inferno on the oil rig.

The death of those eleven men combined with devastating environmental and ecological losses over the past 50 days have made the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill the largest man-made disaster in America's history! Unfortunately the impacted families, communities and states have already suffered severe losses and are in dire need of assistance.

The National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) has formed a coalition of industry experts, agency officials and a select group of elected women leaders from across the nation to address issues associated with the Deepwater Horizon Spill. Because of my leadership in the legislature on issues related to water, natural resources and commitment to work collaboratively with elected officials and industry leaders to solve problems I have been asked to serve as the point person for Colorado on the NFWL's Deepwater Horizon Spill Coalition. It is critical that our leaders and industry experts work together to develop and implement organized strategies that mitigate the extreme economic and environmental impacts of this disaster.

The cleanup will be long, tedious and require assistance from citizens throughout the United States including Colorado. Coloradoans have an extensive history of providing help to our neighboring states when in need, and now more than ever the Gulf States need our **support**. I look forward to this challenge and the opportunity to offer my assistance on your behalf. For additional information or comments on this issue please visit GOMARSHA.ORG and select "Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill" or contact me directly at MarshaLooper@gmail.com and 719-238-5600. Thank you for the opportunity to serve!

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