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I am writing my report in route to the Colorado Water & Energy Conference. The conference will bring together U.S and Canadian senior leaders in Energy Development and Water Infrastructure planning. I am looking forward to sitting at the table with the men and women who plan infrastructure development in Colorado and throughout the West. I will do my best to relay that Local 798 is looking to be a partner in the construction of all pipelines planned for future development.

I would like to thank Dennis Stiles, Mark Witt, and Justin Head for helping me police the work in my jurisdiction this month. We touched four states and over eight jobsites, talked with four non-union contractors and numerous non-union welders and helpers. We will continue to be on site at non-union projects trying to talk with contractors about the benefits of signing a Union Agreement. Please, if you are contacted to work non-union, call your Business Agent immediately.

With all the good Union work up East, most of the contractors have a full plate, but we do have fair contractors like Michels, Snelson and Hanging H that are bidding projects in the West. Most of the projects are smaller and integrity oriented. We are starting to see larger projects materialize for the West, including the Denbury Riley Ridge which is 240 miles of undetermined size. The project could be released for construction in 2019.

Some of the projects that could start ramping up in early 2019 in my area include: ONEOK Elk Creek Pipeline, 900 miles 20 inch from MT to KS; and Tallgrass Greeley Cheyenne Connector, 75 miles of 42 inch. Hopefully the West will start showing signs of more pipeline construction soon.

I would also like to congratulate Justin Wallace on becoming our Financial Secretary-Treasurer. Justin has been a great asset to the membership as Pension Manager and I look forward, as I am sure others do, to him serving the members in his new role. We all need to support and help Justin any way we can to assure our Local continues to flourish.

I will end my report by reminding everyone to be safe while traveling and work safely on the job. Be your Brother's keeper. If I can be of any help or assistance, please call.