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Wade Buchanan has been president of the Bell Policy Center and the Bell Action Network since 2001. Under Wade’s tenure, the Bell has grown from a start-up organization to become one of the premier progressive policy organizations in Colorado and the Rocky Mountain West. Wade pulled together a veteran professional staff that has played a major role in fiscal reform, education policy, economic security and other key issues that affect the well-being of working families in Colorado.

From 1999-2001, Wade was executive director of Colorado Conservation Voters, the nonpartisan political voice of Colorado’s conservation community. Prior to that he was senior advisor, policy director and chief speech writer to former Colorado Gov. Roy Romer. He also served as acting executive director of the Colorado Department of Natural Resources, director of the Colorado Office of Energy Conservation, and chair of the Regional Air Quality Council, the lead air quality agency for metro Denver.

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