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IONA TO HOST MARCH "CAPITAL FOR A DAY"

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced today that the Bonneville County community of **Iona** will be Idaho's "Capital for a Day" on **Friday, March 4th**.

Governor Otter brings State government to Idahoans living outside Boise each month by making a different town in Idaho the state's "Capital for a Day." The events provide local residents an all-day opportunity to have open discussions about government issues with Governor Otter, members of his Cabinet and other senior State officials.

The open meeting is scheduled from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Iona Community Center**, located at 3548 N. Main Street in Iona. Governor Otter also will join **Mayor Brad Andersen** and other state and local leaders for a no-host noon lunch at the same location. The public is encouraged to attend the lunch, which will cost \$5 per person.

Officials joining Governor Otter at Capital for a Day will include **Dick Armstrong**, director of the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare (IDHW); **Don Dietrich**, director of the Idaho Department of Commerce; **Toni Hardesty**, director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality; **Gary Spackman**, interim director of the Idaho Department of Water Resources; **Paul Kjellander**, administrator of the Governor's Office of Energy Resources; **Don Drum**, executive director of the Public Employee Retirement System of Idaho (PERSI); **Emma Atchley**, member of the State Board of Education; and **Rob Sauer**, Deputy Superintendent for Content, Innovation, and Choice at the State Department of Education.

Also on hand to help answer questions from residents will be regional staff from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, the Idaho Transportation Department, the Idaho Department of Lands, the Pocatello Veterans Home, the Idaho Department of Labor, IDHW, the Idaho State Tax Commission, the Idaho State Liquor Division, the Idaho Division of Building Safety, and the Idaho Lottery.

"Bonneville County and the rest of eastern Idaho has been a relative bright spot in our economy. Most commodity prices are doing well, the region has become an energy industry hot spot, and we have among the highest-quality workforce anywhere," Governor Otter said. "Challenges remain, from education to the environment and from water to health care. But hearing the perspectives and insights of citizens in Iona and throughout Bonneville County will help ensure that the people's solutions – not government solutions – are reflected in our public policies."

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