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MULLAN TO HOST APRIL "CAPITAL FOR A DAY"

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced today that the Shoshone County community of **Mullan** will be Idaho's "Capital for a Day" on **Wednesday, April 27**.

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 Morning Club**, located at 117 Hunter Avenue in Mullan. Governor Otter and Lt. Governor Brad Little will join Mayor Mike Dunnigan and other local leaders in the Silver Valley for a private lunch from noon to 1 p.m.

Officials joining Governor Otter at Capital for a Day will include **Toni Hardesty**, director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality; **Brigadier General Bill Shawver**, commanding officer of the Idaho Air National Guard and director of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security; **Virgil Moore**, director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game; **George Bacon**, director of the Idaho Department of Lands; **Don Dietrich**, director of the Idaho Department of Commerce; **Nancy Merrill**, director of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation; and **Don Soltman**, a member of the State Board of Education.

Also on hand to help answer questions from residents will be regional staff from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, the Idaho Department of Labor, the Idaho Division of Veterans Services, the Idaho Transportation Department, and the Idaho State Historical Society.

"The people of Mullan and Shoshone County have known the booms and busts that go along with dependence on mining. They've experienced the benefits and frustrations of incorporating tourism to their economic mix, and they've felt the impact of the federal government's regulatory overkill," Governor Otter said. "Through it all, there remains an independent spirit, a toughness and great pride associated with living in the Silver Valley. We'll be there to listen and learn from their example and what they need their State government to be."

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