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CHALLIS TO HOST OCTOBER "CAPITAL FOR A DAY"

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced today that the Custer County community of **Challis** will be Idaho's "Capital for a Day" on **Wednesday, October 19th**.

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 Challis Middle School**, located at 721 Main Street in Challis. Governor Otter will join Mayor Mark Luper and other local leaders for a no-host lunch at noon at the middle school. 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 **Virgil Moore**, director of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG); **Toni Hardesty**, director of the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality; **Nancy Merrill**, director of the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation; **Dr. Bill Barton**, State Veterinarian; **Dustin Miller**, environmental liaison for the Office of Species Conservation; 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 Labor, Idaho Transportation Department, Idaho Department of Lands, Idaho Department of Water Resources, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Idaho Transportation Department, the Idaho State Police, IDFG, and the Division of Building Safety.

"I've heard it said that 'Idaho is what America was.' Well, it might be just as true that Challis is what Idaho was – and in some ways still is," Governor Otter said. "It's remote, it's independent, it's tough, it's tied to the land and its resources, and the people of Challis and Custer County have a great respect for individual freedom and personal responsibility. It will be a pleasure to spend the day with them, hearing their concerns and – I hope – helping address their challenges."

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