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GOVERNOR, FIRST LADY TO LEAD LIGHTING OF IDAHO'S CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and First Lady Lori Otter invite all Idahoans to join them for a celebration of the holiday season on Monday, November 21, at the ceremonial lighting of Idaho's Capitol Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree lighting will begin at 6 p.m. on the south steps of the Idaho State Capitol, located at 700 W. Jefferson Street.

"This is a chance for families and all citizens to join together in the spirit of the season to celebrate what it means to be Idahoans during the holidays. Please join us," Governor Otter said. "Miss Lori and I look forward to sharing our joy and thankfulness for the opportunity to serve, and to express our gratitude for good friends, loving families and our precious liberties."

The 25th Army Band will begin entertaining with seasonal music at 5:30 p.m., and the program itself starts at 6 p.m. with songs from the honor choir at Cecil D. Andrus Elementary School in Meridian.

The ceremony's media sponsor is 107.9 Lite FM. Radio personalities Lisa Adams, Joe E. King, and Dave Burnett will attend and help host the celebration. Governor Otter and the First Lady, as well as Idaho's other constitutional officers, will begin the tree lighting countdown.

Refreshments will be provided immediately after the ceremony, including hot cider provided by Albertson's; hot chocolate provided by Moxie Java Treasure Valley stores and Meadow Gold; and Christmas cookies provided by Walmart.

The Capitol will be open to all visitors. A book for each child attending will be available in the West and East wings of the Capitol building following the ceremony. The books are provided by Scholastic Books and the First Lady.

The Capitol gift shop, located on the Garden Level of the Capitol building, also will be open and Capitol ornaments will be available for sale.

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