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### **GOVERNOR, FIRST LADY EXPRESS CONDOLENCES TO MAREK FAMILY, SILVER VALLEY COMMUNITY**

(BOISE) – Governor C. L. "Butch" Otter issued the following statement today in reaction to news from Mullan that the remains of Larry "Pete" Marek were recovered from the Lucky Friday Mine on Sunday.

*"With the news of Mr. Marek's death, we extend our prayers and empathy for the family and the community of friends and co-workers. It is a tragic loss for Idaho's historic mining community, and a personal loss for family and friends. It also is a stark reminder of the harsh realities that generations of mining families have proudly faced as they made their lives and their livelihoods in the Silver Valley. To everyone involved – the leaders in Mullan, Shoshone County and at Hecla who coordinated rescue and recovery efforts, and the volunteers, neighbors and others who kept vigil for Mr. Marek and his family – First Lady Lori and I offer our sincere sympathy and our heartfelt condolences. We pray they know they are surrounded with love and support during the difficult days ahead."*

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