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JOIN THE GOVERNOR AND FIRST LADY FOR THE LIGHTING OF IDAHO'S CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and First Lady Lori Otter invite everyone to join them on the evening of Monday, November 23rd for a celebration of the holiday season at the ceremonial lighting of Idaho's Capitol Christmas Tree.

"Amid the challenges and frustrations of everyday life, it's a welcome respite for those of us lucky enough to live in Idaho to join together with family and friends in celebration of the holiday season," Governor Otter said. "It's a great chance to renew our commitment to peace and to express gratitude for our many blessings as Americans. We hope the beautiful Capitol Christmas Tree, festooned with thousands of lights, will help everyone look up and look forward with a new appreciation for our communities, our state and our nation."

Boise radio station 107.9 Lite FM radio personalities Brenda and Kevin will serve as masters of ceremonies for the evening on the front steps of the Capitol. The 25th Army Band will begin entertaining at 5 p.m. while guests enjoy complimentary hot chocolate or hot cider provided by Lucky Perk and Meadow Gold, as well as cookies from the Walmart Bakery.

The tree-lighting ceremony will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the Governor, First Lady and Idaho's constitutional officers and music by the Andrus Ambassador Honor Choir from Meridian's Cecil D. Andrus Elementary School and the Weiser High School Choir.

Guests are invited into the Capitol after the Christmas tree is lit. Music will continue and free books will be given to children in attendance, compliments of First Lady Lori Otter and Scholastic, Inc.

Guests also are encouraged to visit the Governor's Ceremonial Office and the Capitol Gift Shop, where Idaho's 2015 State Christmas ornament will be available, along with other items crafted by Idaho artists.

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