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GOVERNOR, FIRST LADY DETAIL PLANS FOR CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY

(BOISE) – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter and First Lady Lori Otter invite all Idahoans to join them for an evening of holiday cheer on Monday, December 1st, at the ceremonial lighting of Idaho's Capitol Christmas Tree.

"In the spirit of the season, we look forward to celebrating the holidays with family and friends," Governor Otter said. "Come join us to enjoy some music and the warmth of fellowship and goodwill."

KIDO-AM radio personalities Jon Duane and Chris Kelly will be masters of ceremonies for the event at the corner of Capitol Boulevard and Bannock Street in downtown Boise. 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 fourth- and fifth-grade Honor Choir at Cecil D. Andrus Elementary School in Meridian.

Governor Otter and the First Lady will welcome the crowd and introduce Idaho's constitutional officers on hand. The First Lady then will read "The Night Before Christmas in Idaho," followed by the countdown to the Christmas Tree lighting and everyone singing "O Christmas Tree."

Cookies, coffee and hot cider will be provided – compliments of Albertson's and Starbucks – following the ceremony, on the west side of the sidewalk in front of the Borah Building. In addition, complimentary books will be available for children in attendance, courtesy of the Treasure Valley Reading Foundation, the Idaho Potato Commission, Simon and Shuster, and Deseret Books.

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