



*Office of the First Lady*

February 2, 2009

Dear Directors and Members of the Legislature,

I just wanted to give you all a quick note to let you know that the Governor will be going in for rotator cuff surgery later this afternoon. He injured his right shoulder about three weeks ago while team roping. The Governor zipped and his horse zipped; he caught the steer ... but his shoulder didn't fare well! An MRI last Friday found a severe rotator cuff tear, a rotator cuff tendon detached from the bone, as well as a detached bicep tendon. Needless to say, the doctor said the surgery needed to happen as soon as possible to avoid scar tissue and tendon atrophy.

Dr. Michael Curtin at Intermountain Orthopaedics will do outpatient surgery today (2/2/09) at 2 p.m. Butch will be home immediately following the surgery. Physical therapy will begin Wednesday, and continue for 10-15 weeks. During this time, if you need to speak or visit with him on any matter, please call the office or Jason Kreizenbeck. We will do our best to facilitate phone calls and meetings as needed. We will let you know how surgery goes, and anticipate him being back at the office in a timely manner. Butch will be working from home until Dr. Curtin clears him for office hours.

Thank you for your understanding and patience; we appreciate your positive thoughts and prayers. Again, if you need to speak with the Governor, please contact Jason or our office staff. We hope this does not inconvenience any of you. We know you all are working diligently on the matters at hand and, like us, have all Idahoans' best interests at heart.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lori J. Otter".

Lori J. Otter  
First Lady~Idaho

P.S.

Please notify the First Lady immediately if you see the Governor ANYWHERE near a roping arena, chainsaw, tractor, or using tools of any kind for 10 weeks!! It "will take a village" to keep him from reinjuring his shoulder! ☺