

Ken De Vries to seek Representative Seat in the new 5th District

St. Maries Businessman filed for

Idaho House of Representatives District 5 Seat B

Benewah County - February 28, 2012- Benewah County Businessman Ken De Vries filed yesterday for election to Idaho House of Representatives District 5 Seat B, a district containing Benewah and Latah Counties. De Vries, in his first run for public office, will seek a two-year term to the seat currently held by Rep. Dick Harwood. Harwood has announced he is retiring from the Legislature and endorsing De Vries.

Ken De Vries, 52, a self-employed business software consultant lives with his wife of 24 years, Yvonne on their working ranch in rural Benewah County. They have three children. Connor, age 20, Adrian, Age 17, Trevor, age 10. De Vries has for more than 25 years developed software solutions for businesses and has owned I3 Consulting since 2003. De Vries said "As a small businessman, I must be accountable to balance my books, and be fiscally conservative so my business can provide a living for me and my family. I will bring the same philosophy to state government: accountability, conservatism and reducing the tax burden on Idaho families."

Living on a ranch in rural Benewah county De Vries understands the threats to our property rights and our way of life. "We must stand up to encroachments on our property rights. To many of us, our land is our livelihood and our birthright. I will fight against efforts to dilute our rights to use our property as we see fit.

As a citizen De Vries believes the State of Idaho must lead the way in defending against Federal meddling in our everyday lives. "From Obamacare to the E.P.A to attacks on our 2nd amendment rights, I will work so that Idaho stands up to unwarranted federal infringement on the powers reserved to the states and the people by our Constitution."