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The Human Rights Education Institute and the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations are proud to welcome Ms. Lecia Brooks, Director of Outreach for the Southern Poverty Law Center, to HREI for a special presentation on the **State of Human Rights in the United States** on Friday, October 18, at 7 pm, at the Institute, 414 W Mullan Ave., Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

Ms. Brooks leads the Southern Poverty Law Center's outreach efforts on key initiatives and social justice issues. She also serves as director of the Civil Rights Memorial Center in Montgomery, Alabama, an interpretive center designed to provide visitors to the Civil Rights Memorial with a deeper understanding of the civil rights movement, and she has previously served as the director of Mix It Up at Lunch Day, a Teaching Tolerance program designed to help break down racial, cultural and social barriers in schools.

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The Southern Poverty Law Center is a nonprofit civil rights organization dedicated to fighting hate and bigotry, and to seeking justice for the most vulnerable members of society. One of its founders, civil rights attorney Morris Dees, played a significant role in the Keenan civil suit against the Idaho Aryan Nations, which resulted in the bankruptcy and downfall of the Aryan Nations headquarters in Hayden, Idaho. We are proud of the rich history and partnership that the Kootenai County Task Force on Human Relations has shared with the Southern Poverty Law Center, and we warmly welcome Ms. Brooks to our community. **This presentation is open to the public and admission is free.**