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BALUKOFF MAKES FINAL NORTH IDAHO LISTENING TOUR STOP BEFORE ELECTION DAY

BOISE, Idaho—Democratic gubernatorial candidate A.J. Balukoff continues his "listening tour" of Idaho next week with visits to Lewiston, Moscow, Ponderay, Bonners Ferry, Sandpoint, Coeur d'Alene, Hayden, and Post Falls, on his final trip to North Idaho before the Nov. 4 election.

"I have now made eight visits to North Idaho to hear from locals about what they think of the direction our state has been going in under Gov. Otter," Balukoff said, "and I'm struck by the differences and similarities with what I hear from Idahoans in other parts of the state. People in North Idaho feel the government in Boise doesn't listen to them. As one small business owner told me, the rare visits from state officials to North Idaho are to tell locals up here what's going on instead of asking local people what they think. Well, I will be a governor of all Idahoans and I will listen."

"But I'm also struck by how similar the concerns are among people from all corners of Idaho," Balukoff said. "Many, many people share the belief that our state has not been making education a top priority--that our state government has abandoned our schools and our children. They tell me that the policies of Gov. Otter have created a low-wage economy where many hardworking people can't support a family, and too many have to leave the state for a good-paying job."

"I know people are also fed up with the scandals, cronyism, and waste in state government. I'm running for governor to change all that, to restore accountability and balance to state government," Balukoff said. "As your governor, I will work hard, tell the truth, and put people first." The schedule of events is listed below:

- Lewiston Senior Center Lunch, October 20, 11:30 a.m.- 1:00 p.m., Lewiston Community Center, 1424 Main St., Lewiston.
- Last Moscow Meet and Greet, October 20, 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m. 1461 Alpowa St., Moscow.
- Ponderay Central Rotary Club, October 21, 7:00 a.m.- 8:00 a.m., Sweet Lou's, 477272 US 95, Ponderay.
- Bonners Ferry Rotary, October 21, 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m., Mugsy's, 7161 Main St., Bonners Ferry.
- Last Sandpoint Meet and Greet, October 21, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., 1717 Ontario St., Sandpoint.
- Panhandle Kiwanis Club, October 22, 7:00 a.m.-7:30 p.m., LePeep Café in Riverstone, 1884 Bellerive Ln., Coeur d'Alene.
- Sandpoint Rotary, October 22, 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m., Panhandle Bank Community Room, 414 Church St., Sandpoint.
- Coeur d'Alene Educators Candidate Forum, October 22, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m., Harding Family Center, 411 North 15th St., Coeur d'Alene.
- Hayden Chamber of Commerce Networking Breakfast, October 23, 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., The Salvation Army Kroc Center, 1765 W Golf Course Road, Coeur d'Alene.
- Post Falls Kiwanis Club, October 23, 12:00 p.m.- 1:00 p.m., GW Hunters, 621 N Spokane St., Post Falls.
- Dollar Taco Night at American Legion Post 143, October 23, 5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m., 1138 E Poleline Ave., Post Falls.

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