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GOVERNOR OTTER NAMES CAMPAIGN MANAGER, FINANCE

DIRECTOR, EASTERN IDAHO COORDINATOR

BOISE – Governor C.L. "Butch" Otter announced today that **Debbie Field**, who led his victorious campaign for Governor in 2006, has agreed to manage his 2010 re-election campaign.

Governor Otter, who will soon formally announce his candidacy for a second term, was pleased by Field's willingness to take on the responsibility of guiding another statewide campaign.

"Debbie knows Idaho and the importance of building strong relationships to make a difference. She is a hard charger whose warm personality and kind demeanor belie the great organizational and campaign skills that I'm so grateful are on my side," Governor Otter said. "More importantly, having her experience at the helm of this campaign will enable me to focus my attention where it belongs — on being the Governor and leader of our state."

Field, of Meridian, is taking a temporary unpaid leave of absence from her responsibilities as administrator of the State Office of Drug Policy. She will be joined in the Otter for Idaho campaign by new **Finance Director Kendra Waitley** of Boise and new **Eastern Idaho Regional Coordinator Sheila Olsen** of Idaho Falls.

"What a team! I'm excited to be able to help Governor Otter and these terrific Republican friends get his message of limited government and unlimited opportunity out to every Idaho voter," said Field, a former six-term member of the Idaho House of Representatives. "My goal is for everyone in our state to get to know the Butch Otter I know and respect. We are putting together a fantastic group of individuals in every corner of Idaho to share our trust and confidence in his leadership and vision for an even better Idaho."

Kendra Waitley most recently worked as a marketing consultant for Citadel Broadcasting. She previously was executive assistant for U.S. Senator Larry Craig and office coordinator for the Senate Committee on Veterans Affairs, on which Senator Craig was the ranking member. Kendra has a bachelor's degree from Northwest Nazarene University.

Sheila Olsen is a long-time leader in eastern Idaho politics and public policy. Sheila remains the legislative chair of the State Federation of Republican Women and a board member of the nine-county Region VII Republican Party. She was a Republican precinct committeeperson for 24 years, through 2008, and was a member of the 1988 Electoral College.

Sheila also is a member of the Idaho Human Rights Commission and was a founding board member of the Governor's Workforce Development Council, a member of the Idaho Department of Labor's Employment Security

Advisory Council, and remains active in many other church and civic organizations. She is a widowed mother of 10, with 36 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Also on the Otter for Idaho campaign staff is Deputy Campaign Manager Brenda Maynard Walters.

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