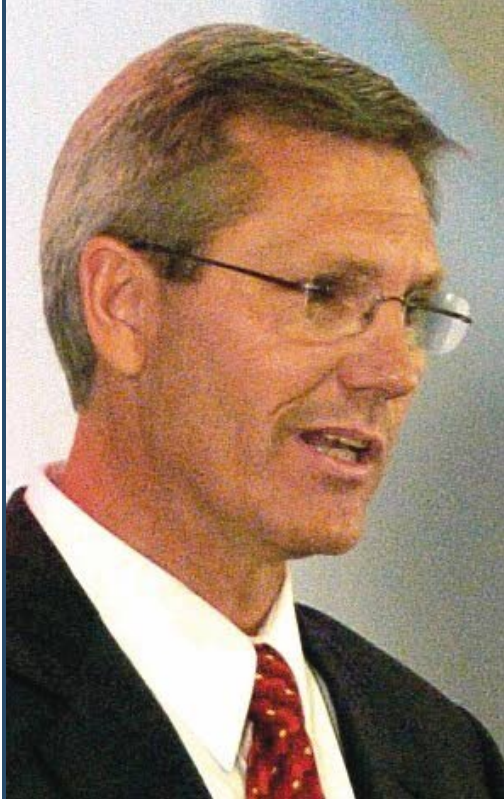


# Rex Rammell feels at home in Idaho County

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**Unsuccessful gubernatorial candidate says he may move his veterinary practice to the area permanently**



Rex Rammell...

GRANGEVILLE - Failed Idaho gubernatorial candidate Rex F. Rammell expects to arrive in Idaho County today to open a large animal veterinary clinic with an eye toward moving to the area permanently.

Rammell, 49, confirmed by telephone Monday that he and his wife, Linda, and one daughter will arrive in Kamiah today and begin operating a mobile veterinary clinic from his pickup truck.

"I kind of fell in love with the area, to be right honest with you," Rammell said. "They have a shortage of large animal veterinarians in that area. And so I thought we're coming up to check it out to see if we want to build a house."

Rammell lost the Republican bid for governor in the May 25 primary election to incumbent Gov. C.L. (Butch) Otter. Idaho County was one of only two counties in the state where Rammell prevailed over Otter, drawing 1,510 votes to the governor's 1,296.

Benewah County was the other where Rammell finished ahead in the race.

Rammell acknowledged that his standing with Idaho County voters was another reason he is considering moving to the area.

"That, and I like the area," he said. "I've made a lot of friends. Most everybody probably knows me, so it will be easy for me to start up a practice. And I like to hunt and fish - that's probably the biggest reason. That's what it's all about for me. Even during the governor's race, my platform was public lands issues and there are lots of public lands issues up in that country.

"It's a good fit for me. I'm popular up there. ... We're going up there to check things out and work out of my truck, spend the summer and if we like it we'll build a home and stay there permanently."

Rammell said his daughter would stay only for the summer. She will be a high school senior in Idaho Falls this year and wants to finish the school year with her classmates.

David Medel, publisher of the Clearwater Progress newspaper in Kamiah, said Rammell has placed an ad in this week's issue telling people about his new practice.

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