SENATOR MIKE CRAPO HOLDS TOWN HALL PICNIC IN POST FALLS "Pack the Park" Event set for Friday night in Post Falls' Q'Emiln Park

Post Falls – U.S. Senator Mike Crapo will meet with area residents and take questions concerning federal issues during a Town Hall-style picnic event on Friday, August 10th. The "Pack the Park" BBQ begins at 5:30 p.m. and will run until 7:30 p.m. at Q-Emiln Park, 12201 W. Parkway Drive, Post Falls.

The event is hosted by the Kootenai County Republican Woman, with support from Republican women from Bonner, Boundary and Benewah Counties. Local candidates running for the Idaho Legislature and city and county offices are also expected to attend the event.

U.S. Senator Mike Crapo is in his second term in the U.S. Senate and is a member of the Senate Finance, Budget, Banking, Environment and Public Works, and Indian Affairs Committees. Those committees have jurisdiction over many federal agencies and programs including the EPA, tax reform and health care programs.

Crapo is an original member of the Gang of Six, a bipartisan group of Senators working on plans to reduce federal deficits through tax reform, budget cuts and changes to federal entitlement programs. He has opposed government bailout programs.

Crapo said many of his remarks will focus on current efforts to reduce the federal deficit. As of now, he notes the federal government borrows more than 40-cents of every dollar it spends. "We are rapidly moving toward an unsustainable budget deficit, which is the greatest threat to our nation," Crapo said.

BBQ and picnic food and drinks will be available at the picnic for a small contribution.

Senator Crapo schedule:

Friday, August 10:

10:30 to 11:30 AM Speak and help moderate the North Idaho Financial Forum hosted by Jim Riley. This will be an exchange among business and civic leaders about the economy, jobs and the federal deficit and what can or should be done. It is by invitation but you're invited.. At the CDA Resort. We set aside time for interviews immediately following at 11:30 AM. I will be attending. Cell phone is (208) 870-1800.

Noon to 1:00 PM Speak to the CDA Rotary Club Monthly Luncheon. This is at the CDA Resort as well and open to the public of course.

1:45 PM Tour the newly-opened Union Gospel Mission's CDA Women and Children's Recovery Center and discuss federal funding and the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) legislation, 196 W. Haycraft Avenue.

Travel to Sandpoint

3.30 PM Meet with Boundary County Commissioners. Transportation Information Office, 202 N. 2nd Avenue, Sandpoint.

4:00 PM Meet with Bonner County Commissioners, same location in Sandpoint.

6:00 PM Speak at the Kootenai County Republican Picnic, Q'Emilin Park, 12201 West Parkway Drive, Post Falls.