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STATE ISSUES NEW BANK CHARTER TO LEWISTON STATE BANK OF IDAHO

THE FIRST NEWLY CHARTERED STATE BANK IN PRESTON SINCE 1920

Boise, Idaho... Gavin Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, today announced the approval of a new bank charter for Lewiston State Bank of Idaho. The bank received final approval from the state Department of Finance after receiving approval from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. The bank plans to open for business in late August 2000, at its office located at 227 South State Street in Preston, Idaho.

Gee stated, "We are very pleased to be able to charter a new community bank for Southeastern Idaho. As of June 30, 2000, Idaho customers held \$30.1 million in deposits at an affiliate bank, Lewiston State Bank of Lewiston, Utah. We are confident that the new bank will provide quality banking services to these customers as well as new customers in Preston and the surrounding area." Both banks are subsidiaries of Lewiston BanCorp, Lewiston, Utah, which injected \$3.3 million for the bank's capitalization. Lewiston State Bank of Idaho plans to provide a full line of deposit, loan and related banking services to individuals and small businesses with an emphasis on personalized service.

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Garr Morrison is the bank's President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Morrison has more than thirty years of banking experience at Lewiston State Bank (Utah), including his current position as president and director.

In addition to Mr. Morrison, the management team includes Executive Vice President and Loan Administrator Anthony Hall, Chief Operations Officer Dale Buxton, Vice President and Legal Counsel Ronald E. Mumford, and Vice President and Bank Manager, Max Gilbert. Mr. Gilbert is a native of Preston and is active in local civic organizations. All officers are currently employed by Lewiston State Bank (Utah) and will expand their duties to the new bank.

Members of the Board include Chairman Verl M. Buxton, Anthony Jon Hall, Louis Hickman, Larry McKnight, Reed M. Merrill, Garr B. Morrison, and H. Ward Nielsen.

Lewiston State Bank of Idaho is the first newly chartered bank in the Preston area since Federal State Bank was chartered in 1920. The last new bank chartered in Idaho before Lewiston State Bank of Idaho was Magic Valley Bank in Twin Falls, Idaho in August 1997.

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