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For Immediate release

The Bannock County Commissioners, and Bannock County Fair Board met yesterday in a publicly held meeting (January 28, 2014) to discuss and implement a new strategy for Bannock County's two fairs.

After a very productive discussion, it was resolved by the County Commissioners & Fair Board Members to transition away from two separate County fairs. Bannock County, starting this year, will sponsor one County Fair.

The Bannock County Fair will be held annually in Downey, Idaho. With this consolidation to one fair, the Fair Board and County Commissioners are committed jointly to funnel all Fair resources, activities, and events towards creating a better fair each and every year. This will include significant infrastructure additions and upgrades to our South County properties, both immediately and over a period of time.

The County still owns the property generally known as the North Bannock Fairgrounds. These grounds will continue to be owned and maintained by the County. The north property center will still be a staple in our community and continue to host to our traditionally large events including: High School Rodeos, ISU Rodeos, POW-MIA, and Fourth of July celebrations to name a few. The Commissioners would like to re-name the properties to more accurately reflect its role in our community and to encompass all those that use our facilities consistently. For now, the Commissioners have re-named the north property the Bannock County Multi-use Event and Equine Center.

The Commissioners and Fair Board Members will work continually to assist in this transition. The County looks forward to a long-term and wonderful County Fair each year. We hope the people of Bannock County will help make this new focus and transition a success. Any questions or assistance may be referred to the Commissioner's Office or any Fair Board Member.