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STATEMENT ON FEDERAL SAGE GROUSE PLAN LAWSUIT

BOISE, Idaho – Lieutenant Governor Brad Little responds to the State of Idaho’s lawsuit against the federal government’s recently announced sage grouse conservation plan.

“I support this decision to sue the federal government’s one-size-fits-all plan for sage grouse conservation. We as Idahoans worked together to come up with a state-wide plan to protect the sage grouse and our rangelands. These efforts took into account local stakeholders, including ranchers, conservationists and our communities. Despite these good faith efforts, Washington bureaucrats went behind our backs and came up with their own plan that did not involve local input. All that we have done has been ignored.”

Lt. Governor Brad Little is in northern Idaho today and is available for comment over the phone. Please contact Greg Wilson at the number above to arrange an interview.

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