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**OPEN GOVERNMENT SEMINARS SET
IN TREASURE VALLEY**

The public is invited to attend an upcoming free seminar on Idaho's key open government laws – the Idaho Open Meeting Law and the Idaho Public Records Law – on Oct. 10 in McCall, Oct. 21 in Boise or Oct. 24 in Nampa, led by Idaho Attorney General Lawrence Wasden.

It's a chance to learn what is covered by these important laws and how to comply, in a fun and accessible format. Presenters in addition to Wasden will include Deputy Attorney General Brian Kane and IDOG President Betsy Russell. Government agency employees, public officials, reporters, editors and photographers from all media, and interested citizens all are invited.

These sessions are recommended by the Office of the Attorney General, the Association of Idaho Cities, the Idaho Association of Counties and the Idaho Press Club. Admission is free; because space is limited, attendees are asked to RSVP:

- ▶ **Thurs. Oct. 10 – MCCALL** — Co-sponsored by The Star-News
Downstairs Community Room, Idaho First Bank, 475 E. Deinhard Lane
1 pm ~ RSVP to Tom Grote, starnews@frontier.com
- ▶ **Mon. Oct. 21 – BOISE** — Co-sponsored by Ada County, the Idaho Press, Idaho Statesman and Boise State Public Radio ~ Ada County Commission Chambers, 200 W. Front St., Boise 83702 ~ **6 pm** ~ RSVP to Tom Michael, tommichael@boisestate.edu or (208) 426-1984
- ▶ **Thurs. Oct. 24 – NAMPA** – Co-sponsored by the Idaho Press & KTVB-TV
Nampa City Council Chambers, 411 3rd Street South, Nampa 83651
6 pm ~ RSVP to Holly Beech, hbeech@idahopress.com or (208) 465-8110

IDOG and Wasden have been holding these sessions around the state since 2004. They are funded in part by grants from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation through the National Freedom of Information Coalition, the Best of the West Foundation, and the Idaho Media Project at Boise State University. Next year's sessions will be in eastern Idaho.

IDOG is a non-profit coalition for open government whose mission is to promote open government and freedom of information. There's more information, plus an online "User's Guide" to Idaho's open government laws, available at IDOG's website, www.openidaho.org.