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Rep. Bentz to Join Governor Brown & Sen. Ferrioli On Visit to Ontario to Review Snow Damage

ONTARIO—Rep. Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario), Sen. Ferrioli (R-John Day), and Governor Kate Brown will visit Ontario today to tour the snow damage.

There will be a public meeting at 12:45pm (MST) at the Four Rivers Cultural Center in the Medical Arts Room (676 SW 5th Ave, Ontario). Everyone is encouraged to attend to share with the Governor the challenges presented by this historical snowfall.

The Governor's press release regarding this visit is attached below:

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PRESS ADVISORY

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Governor Kate Brown to Visit Ontario to Support Recovery Efforts from Winter Storm Destruction

(Salem, OR) — Governor Kate Brown will tour the City of Ontario in Malheur County Friday to support recovery efforts from damage caused by consecutive, record-breaking winter storms.

Governor Brown will meet with local officials, business leaders, and community members during a storm damage assessment tour of Ontario. Following the tour, Governor Brown will join Idaho Governor Butch Otter for a joint press conference to address storm damage and efforts to aid recovery and provide relief to local communities, farms, and business.

In response to winter storm conditions that worsened in December, Governor Brown issued a statewide declaration of emergency to provide to communities, including Malheur County, all available state resources to ensure safety and support storm recovery efforts.

As winter storms continued and Malheur County and the City of Ontario experienced additional damage to buildings and agricultural structures, Governor Brown issued a Jan. 31 Emergency Order to ease and expedite ongoing recovery coordination. The Governor's order delegates discretion to the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality to temporarily suspend certain DEQ rules to accelerate DEQ-approved demolition and removal plans of building collapsed as result of severe winter storms of Malheur County.

Members of the media are invited to attend Governor Brown's tour of Ontario and joint press conference with Idaho Governor Otter. If planning to attend or for additional information, please contact Bryan Hockaday, 503-580-7836.

Friday, February 10

11:00 a.m. Driving Tour of Ontario Storm Damage

Departs from Ontario Municipal Airport

581 SW 33rd St.

Ontario

12:45 p.m. Meeting with Local Officials and Community Leaders

Four Rivers Cultural Center, Medical Arts Room

676 SW 5th Ave.

Ontario

4:00 p.m. Joint Press Conference with Oregon Gov. Kate Brown and Idaho Gov. Butch Otter

Location to be announced by 10:00 a.m.

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