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June 28th Meeting to Review Possibility of Regional Transportation “Hub”

ONTARIO—A meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28th at 8:00 a.m. (MDT) at Treasure Valley Community College (650 College Blvd, Weese Building, Room 110, Ontario) for the purpose of discussing the possibility of establishing a Regional Intermodal Transportation “Hub” in the Ontario/Nyssa/Vale area.

Malheur County Economic Development Director, Greg Smith, will discuss opportunities to establish such a Hub, and the more efficient rail connections with the East Coast that might be developed.

The possibility of reduced freight rates and increased efficiency in the delivery of potatoes, onions, alfalfa, hay (compressed), lumber, and other local products to the West coast will also be discussed.

“This meeting will provide local businesses that ship out of this area with the opportunity to share their thinking with local leaders concerning improved rail access,” said Representative Cliff Bentz (R-Ontario).

“If freight-by-rail systems could be improved, lower-cost access to East and West coast markets might be achieved. A primary issue is the volume of freight available for rail transport,” noted Rep. Bentz.

Local onion and alfalfa shippers and others have been invited. The meeting will provide growers and packers with the opportunity to share their thinking regarding this concept. The public is welcome to attend.

If you have questions, please contact Rep. Bentz’s District Director, Andrea Dominguez, at 541-889-8866, or via email at rep.cliffbentz@state.or.us.

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