



C.L. "Butch" Otter, Governor

Megan Ronk, Director

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Dear Idaho Community Partner,

On August 21, 2017, Idaho will experience its first solar eclipse in 38 years. The "path of totality," where the full eclipse will occur, passes through the heart of our great state. Hotels are already sold out and the communities in the path are expecting a huge influx of travelers -- anywhere from 100,000 to 1 million or more -- across Idaho.

I am reaching out to notify you that **your community is in the "path of totality."**

The eclipse will pass into Idaho around 10:10 a.m. and out of the state at 12:48 p.m. While the eclipse will cross over Idaho for only a short period of time, it is estimated that visitors will be staying in Idaho for a minimum of three days to take part in this historic event. These tourists present a huge economic opportunity to Idaho businesses and communities, and our goal is for everyone to be prepared for both the influx of visitors, and the possibility of emergency situations.

In response to this major event, Idaho Commerce and the Idaho Office of Emergency Management have partnered together to establish a working group to coordinate federal, state, and local efforts to support communities in emergency preparedness. I ask that you please visit **[commerce.idaho.gov/eclipse](http://commerce.idaho.gov/eclipse)** to find information and resources that will help your community prepare for August 21.

Safety is our main priority for this event which is why you recently received a letter from General Brad Richy, Director of the Idaho Office of Emergency Management. I encourage you to reach out to his office to ensure your community has an emergency preparedness plan and the necessary resources to make this event safe and successful.

I am excited not only for the economic benefits this solar eclipse will bring to Idaho, but also for the opportunity to showcase our beautiful state to visitors from around the nation and world.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at [megan.ronk@commerce.idaho.gov](mailto:megan.ronk@commerce.idaho.gov) or 208.334.2470.

Enthusiastically Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Ronk". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped initial "M".

Megan Ronk  
Director