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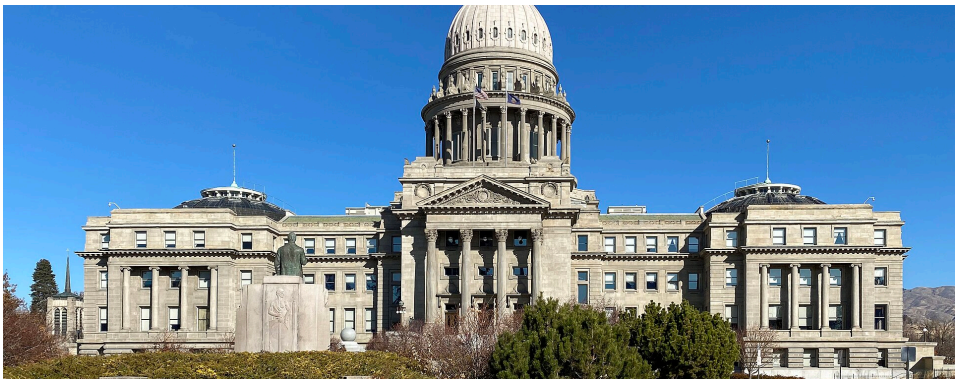
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ELECTIONS IDAHO

## Audit draw lands on both counties that missed ballots

*Eight counties face hand counts before the Nov. 24 canvass. Bannock County's 333 late ballots turned up in a pickup.*



The Idaho Capitol in Boise in 2019. The State Board of Canvassers certifies the general election Nov. 24.

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**BOISE:** A bingo-style tumbler picked eight Idaho counties for post-election audits Friday, and two of the tiles that came out belonged to the counties that left ballots out of their election night totals.

State Controller Brandon Woolf drew the numbered tiles, the Idaho Capital Sun reported. Latah and Bannock came up along with Adams, Benewah, Caribou, Gem, Oneida and Washington counties. The draw was random. A 2022 state law requires the audits, and Secretary of State Phil McGrane said beforehand that both counties were eligible to be drawn.

Latah County's election night results were missing more than 2,300 early votes. The ballots had been counted, but the hard drive holding the totals was never plugged into the system that loads results, the Capital Sun reported. Officials caught the gap by comparing turnout with the votes reported. A full recount followed, overseen by five members of McGrane's staff.

"I think it was just a misstep, just human error," McGrane said.

In Bannock County, 333 ballots from one Pocatello precinct went uncounted on election night. They turned up in a poll volunteer's pickup, the Capital Sun reported, citing the Idaho State Journal. The box was still closed and sealed.

Officials in both counties say no race changed.

McGrane's office will hand count a sample from each county and compare it with the reported results. The Capital Sun put the sample at 2,100 ballots or more, or 5% of precincts. The Bannock precinct with the late box was not among those drawn, and it is unclear whether Latah's late-reported early votes will be in the sample.

The audits are open to the public, and dates have not been announced. The State Board of Canvassers meets Nov. 24 to certify the election. Results stay unofficial until then.

**Keywords:** post-election audit, Latah County, Bannock County, Phil McGrane, State Board of Canvassers
**Sources:** Idaho Capital Sun via Yahoo News · Newsweek · East Idaho News / Idaho Capital Sun · Idaho Secretary of State

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### CORRECTIONS

No corrections. One clarification: Friday's edition put Latah County's unreported ballots at 2,343, the figure KMVT gave. Newsweek has since reported 2,342, and the Idaho Capital Sun says more than 2,300. To report an error, reply to the morning email.

THIS WEEK IN HISTORY

### Nov. 15, 1904

The main structure of Milner Dam on the Snake River was finished 122 years ago Sunday. The 38-foot dam turns river water onto land north and south of the canyon, and state historians call it Idaho's primary Carey Act diversion. Frank Buhl and Peter Kimberly put up more than $1 million.

Source: Idaho State Historical Society

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## DATES TO WATCH

**Nov. 16** Supreme Court is expected to release orders from its Nov. 13 conference. Petitions on guns, backyard searches and phone location data were relisted for it.

**Nov. 16** San Diego City Council votes at 2 p.m. Pacific on its 505 license plate readers.

**Nov. 16** Twin Falls City Council meets at 5 p.m. to confirm two appointees.

**Nov. 16** Grid operators' responses due at FERC on large-load rules.

**Nov. 17** Idaho PUC written comments close on Avista's Carlin Bay 115-kilovolt line, AVU-E-26-10.

**Nov. 17** Idaho Fall Water Summit opens at Boise State University. It runs through Wednesday.

**Nov. 19** FERC holds its November open meeting.

**Nov. 24** State Board of Canvassers certifies Idaho's general election.

**Dec. 2** Supreme Court argument in Viramontes v. Cook County, the AR-15 ban case.

**Dec. 3** Idaho Legislature's organizational session.

**Dec. 14** Idaho PUC written comments due on Idaho Power's cost-of-service case, IPC-E-26-07. Hearing Jan. 19.

**Dec. 15** Open enrollment closes at Your Health Idaho, the state insurance exchange, at 11:59 p.m. Mountain time.

**Jan. 8** Staff's proposed deadline for public comments on Idaho Power's pricing framework, IPC-E-26-26.

**Jan. 11** Comments due on the BLM's land use planning rule, according to the SBA Office of Advocacy. The notice sets the deadline at 60 days after publication, which was scheduled for Nov. 10.

## TOP STORIES

AVIATION NATIONAL

# Duffy blames old gear as FAA holds every U.S. departure four hours

*The transportation secretary blamed overloaded routers. Flights were held in Boise and the Magic Valley.*



Controllers at the FAA's Washington Air Route Traffic Control Center in an undated agency photo. Friday's failure hit centers like it across the country. FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC DOMAIN, VIA WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

**WASHINGTON:** Every airline departure in the country was held on the ground for more than four hours Friday after the radar and communications systems that air traffic controllers rely on became unstable.

The Federal Aviation Administration ordered the stop at 3:54 p.m. Eastern time and lifted it at 8:15 p.m., ABC News reported. Transportation Secretary Sean Duffy said about 3,500 planes were in the air when it began. Those flights were allowed to land.

Duffy blamed switches and routers that became overloaded and began returning inconsistent data. He called the air traffic control system incredibly old and said it still runs on analog telecommunications. He asked Congress for billions of dollars to replace it.

"We didn't think we would have this kind of outage," Duffy said.

Homeland Security Secretary Markwayne Mullin said it did not appear to be a cyberattack. AirSpace Intel, the contractor behind the SMART artificial intelligence system, said its product played no part. Duffy agreed.

The order reached Idaho shortly before 2 p.m. Mountain time. Nearly every Boise Airport flight after that was delayed or canceled, Idaho News 6 reported. Airport spokesperson Shawna Samuelson told the Idaho Statesman that most airlines took passengers off their planes to wait.

At the Magic Valley airport in Twin Falls, the afternoon Breeze Airways flight was delayed, manager Matt Barnes told KMVT. Breeze and Delta are the airport's only carriers. Friedman Memorial Airport in the Wood River Valley told travelers to expect delays.

ABC called it the second nationwide ground stop since Sept. 11, 2001. The other came in January 2023, when the FAA's pilot-notice system, known as NOTAM, went down. Duffy said he expects airports to be running normally before Thanksgiving travel begins.

**Keywords:** FAA ground stop, air traffic control, Sean Duffy, Boise Airport, Magic Valley airport
**Sources:** ABC News · KMVT · Idaho News 6 · Idaho Statesman via Yahoo News

PLATE READERS NATIONAL

# San Diego mayor won't veto shutoff of 505 plate readers

*The council votes Monday. A sixth member withdrew his support after a report on how police used the cameras.*



A Flock Safety plate reader in Kearney, Nebraska, in April 2025. San Diego's council votes Monday on its 505 readers. TONY WEBSTER / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS, CC BY 2.0

**SAN DIEGO:** San Diego's 505 license plate readers could go dark Monday, and Mayor Todd Gloria said Friday he will not stand in the way.

The City Council takes up an updated policy for the cameras at 2 p.m. If it does not approve one, the city must switch off every reader, the Times of San Diego reported. The news site said that would make San Diego the largest city to suspend the technology.

The count shifted Thursday. Councilmember Raul Campillo withdrew his support after reports that police had used the readers to track a victim of domestic violence. Councilmember Stephen

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## TOP STORIES *continued*

*San Diego mayor won't veto shutoff of 505 ..., continued*

Whitburn pulled his about a month earlier over immigration enforcement. Six members now oppose the cameras, enough to override a veto.

Gloria has long backed the cameras, the Times reported. He now says the technology has lost the public's trust and that he will respect the council's vote.

"San Diego can be safe without license plate readers," Councilmember Sean Elo-Rivera said.

KPBS reported that for several months in 2025 the plate database was open to out-of-state and federal agencies, which Police Chief Scott Wahl called "an honest miss." Police say it was not used for immigration cases. Two men sued the city in August, alleging the system led to their wrongful arrests.

Switching the cameras off would not end the contract. The readers come through a 2023 agreement with Ubicquia, with Flock Safety as a subcontractor. It runs to 2028 and is worth nearly $12 million. Canceling it would be mostly the mayor's call.

**Keywords:** San Diego, license plate readers, Flock Safety, Todd Gloria, city council vote
**Sources:** Times of San Diego · Fox 5 San Diego via Yahoo News · KPBS

SCHOOLS IDAHO

### Idaho public schools lose 8,983 students, fourth straight drop

*Fall enrollment is 304,871. The state's new school choice tax credit drew applications for 12,561 students.*

**BOISE:** Idaho's public schools opened this fall with 8,983 fewer students than they had in the spring, a 2.9% drop that Idaho Education News called the largest in at least 10 years.

Enrollment stands at 304,871, down from 313,854 at the end of last school year, according to Idaho Department of Education data the news site published Thursday. The count has now fallen four years running.

The losses were broad: of 117 traditional districts, 102 shrank. Boise lost 1,085 students and West Ada 745. Nampa was down 646 and Pocatello 518.

Idaho Home Learning Academy, a virtual charter, lost 742 students, about a tenth of its enrollment. New charter schools opened with 2,124.

This was also the first year of the Idaho Parental Choice Tax Credit, worth up to $5,000 per student, or $7,500 for a student with special needs. Applications came in for 12,561 students. Little is known about who received it, Idaho Education News reported, because requests for demographic data were denied.

The news site pointed to birth rates and home prices as well as school choice. The decline is concentrated in the elementary grades. Idaho has passed 2 million residents, yet only 8% of its growth is school-age children, according to Idaho Department of Labor economist Lisa Grigg.

**Keywords:** public school enrollment, Idaho Department of Education, Parental Choice Tax Credit, charter schools, Boise School District
**Sources:** Idaho Education News

### THE BROKEN DICTIONARY

**Legacy System** *noun*

Equipment too old to work and too important to turn off. It is funded by people who have never seen it and kept running by people afraid to touch it, and when it finally quits, each side blames the other.

**Used in a sentence:** "The legacy system performed exactly as designed, the designer having retired in 1987."

**See also** Modernization: the next legacy system, at four times the price.

*Suggested entry for Jeff's edit. Not found in the existing volumes.* Source story

## IDAHO LEGISLATURE

HOUSE IDAHO

### Little appoints Cambridge rancher to House seat Shirts left

*Kimberly Royer's term runs to the end of the month. Who serves the term Shirts just won is not settled.*

**BOISE:** Kimberly Royer, a Cambridge rancher who spent 25 years with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency, is the newest member of the Idaho House.

Gov. Brad Little named her Friday to the District 9 seat that John Shirts gave up when the Trump administration made him U.S. attorney for Idaho, where he follows Bart Davis, who retired. Shirts resigned from the Legislature on Oct. 17, a spokesperson for the governor told the Idaho Capital Sun.

Royer fills the rest of Shirts' current term, which ends this month. Shirts also ran unopposed Nov. 3 for the term that follows. The Capital Sun reported that it is unclear whether Royer will serve that one, and that a new appointment would first require Shirts to resign from it.

State law has local party officials send the governor three names when a legislator leaves. The other two names submitted were Lyndon Haines and Jeff Williams, the Capital Sun reported.

Royer was a county executive director in Idaho from 2007 to 2021. She sat on the Idaho Sheep and Goat Health Board from 2014 to 2022 and chaired the state's Animal Damage Control Board. She co-owns Dixie Creek Ranch.

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## IDAHO LEGISLATURE *continued*

*Little appoints Cambridge rancher to House ..., continued*

"I look forward to listening to the people I represent," she said in a written statement.

**Keywords:** Kimberly Royer, District 9, John Shirts, Brad Little, legislative vacancy
**Sources:** Office of the Governor · Idaho Capital Sun via Yahoo News

## IDAHO

*On the front page: Audit draw lands on both counties that missed ballots*

*On the front page: Idaho public schools lose 8,983 students, fourth straight drop*

## MAGIC VALLEY

TWIN FALLS LOCAL

### Twin Falls council set to seat two appointees Monday

*Lucy Wills and Kelly Hergesell would replace two members who left for the Legislature.*

**TWIN FALLS:** Two seats on the Twin Falls City Council are due to be filled Monday, both opened by members who left for the Legislature.

Mayor Jason Brown has nominated Lucy Wills for seat 2 and Kelly Hergesell for seat 3, KMVT reported. The council has to confirm them. If it does, both will be sworn in at Monday's meeting, which the city calendar lists for 5 p.m.

Wills is a longtime school district employee who serves on a number of local boards. Hergesell, a lifelong Magic Valley resident, has made a career in human resources.

"I will say that this has been an extremely difficult decision," Brown said.

Cherie Vollmer, who held seat 3, and Grayson Stone both left the council to serve in the Legislature. Both nominees have said they will run to keep the seats in November 2027.

**Keywords:** Twin Falls City Council, Jason Brown, Lucy Wills, Kelly Hergesell, council appointment
**Sources:** KMVT · City of Twin Falls calendar

WATER LOCAL

### Rain clears most exceptional drought from Twin Falls, Cassia

*Two-thirds of Idaho is still in drought. A two-day state water summit opens Tuesday in Boise.*



The Snake River below the Perrine Bridge at Twin Falls in 2024. GREENTEASALSA / WIKIMEDIA COMMONS, CC BY 4.0

**TWIN FALLS:** Rain has almost cleared the exceptional drought, the worst category, that had been spreading across Twin Falls and Cassia counties, KMVT chief meteorologist Avaionia Smith reported Thursday.

Extreme drought, the next category down, still affects every county for now, Smith reported, and more rain over the coming days should ease it as well.

Statewide, U.S. Drought Monitor figures posted on drought.gov put 66.4% of Idaho in drought, with about 1.2 million residents living in those areas. Extreme drought covers 10.8% of the state and exceptional drought 4.5%.

October was the ninth-wettest in 132 years of records in Cassia County, according to the federal site. For Idaho as a whole, January through October was still the 30th driest such stretch since 1895, with 15.54 inches of precipitation, 2.75 inches short of normal.

KMVT's forecast called for rain and snow showers to start late Friday and continue on and off through much of next week, with flurries possible in the valley late Monday into Tuesday.

The Idaho Fall Water Summit meets Tuesday and Wednesday at Boise State University, led by the Idaho Department of Water Resources and the university. The agenda opens with a keynote on what the Colorado and Snake rivers can teach each other. Overviews of the 2026 water year follow, and the second day includes an update on the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer. Sessions can be watched online, though registration closed Nov. 10.

**Keywords:** drought, Twin Falls County, Cassia County, U.S. Drought Monitor, Idaho Fall Water Summit
**Sources:** KMVT · Drought.gov, Idaho · Drought.gov, Cassia County · Drought.gov, Idaho Fall Water Summit

DID YOU KNOW

Idaho grows about 32% of the nation's potatoes, more than any other state.

Source: Idaho State Department of Agriculture

POP QUIZ

**Who designed Idaho's state seal?**

**Answer:** Emma Edwards Green, who won a $100 prize. The state says she is the only woman to design a state seal.

Source: Idaho Secretary of State

THEY SAID IT

*"I think it was just a misstep, just human error."*

**Secretary of State Phil McGrane, on Latah County's unreported ballots**

Source: Idaho Capital Sun via Yahoo News

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## HYPERSCALE AND DATA CENTERS

DATA CENTERS NATIONAL

### Voters back limits on data centers in 44 of 45 ballot measures

*Ohio voters approved 11 local bans or caps. In Kentucky, a commissioner-elect wants a pause back on the agenda.*

**BOWLING GREEN, Ky.:** Tom Morris won a seat on the Bowling Green City Commission this month by beating an incumbent who opposed a pause on data centers. He takes office in January.

"I have committed to bringing the data center issue back up," Morris told WKU Public Radio.

The commission rejected a six-month moratorium twice in June, 3-2 each time. The two members who voted for it are still there. A county Democratic Party leader said all three have pledged to pass one within 30 days of the new term, though Morris said the details are not set.

In nearby Franklin, Kelly Bush, who helped stall a hyperscale project, won the mayor's race. In Cave City, where a developer applied in May to build a campus drawing up to 1.2 gigawatts, Clifton Parsley beat Mayor Dwayne Hatcher. Developers have gone to court in both places.

Nuclear Newswire, the American Nuclear Society's news service, reported Friday that voters had sided against data centers in 44 of 45 state and local ballot measures counted so far. In Ohio, it said, citing Ballotpedia, voters approved eight local measures that ban data centers above a set power level and three that ban new construction.

Boise's council adopted a six-month moratorium on large data centers Tuesday by unanimous vote. Commissioners in Taos County, New Mexico, are weighing an 18-month pause that staff hope to bring back for adoption Dec. 15, the Santa Fe New Mexican reported. Hillsborough County, Florida, put off its vote on a one-year moratorium until two newly elected commissioners are seated, according to WUSF.

**Keywords:** data center moratorium, ballot measures, Bowling Green, Ohio, local control
**Sources:** WKU Public Radio · Nuclear Newswire (American Nuclear Society) · Santa Fe New Mexican · WUSF · East Idaho News / Idaho Capital Sun

## REGULATORS: IPUC, FERC, DEQ

IDAHO PUC IDAHO

### PUC staff proposes Jan. 8 comment deadline on Idaho Power pricing

*The formula would set energy prices for Micron's new plant, Chobani and future large customers.*

**BOISE:** Idaho Power's largest new customers would pay for energy under a rewritten formula in a case headed for public comment at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Commission staff recommended Nov. 10 that the case, IPC-E-26-26, be handled on written filings, with public comments due Jan. 8 and replies Jan. 29. The memo does not show whether commissioners have adopted that schedule. Idaho Power has asked for a final order by Feb. 26.

The company filed Sept. 11. It proposes no new rates in this case. It asks the commission to approve what it calls a revised marginal cost-based energy pricing framework, which would then be used in the yearly update that resets those prices each June 1. Neither the commission's notice nor the Nov. 10 staff memo carries a dollar figure.

Under the framework, the large customers it covers would be assigned a share of the utility's forecast power supply costs based on their share of sales, according to the commission's notice, Order No. 37197. They would pay a premium in hours when the marginal cost of power runs above the embedded cost. Customers with contract demand of 50 megawatts or more would pay another premium in months when their use falls below 90% or rises above 110% of forecast.

The notice says the framework would cover Micron Technology's new memory fabrication complex and Chobani, along with future customers on the utility's Schedule 20.

Micron and the Idaho Irrigation Pumpers Association have intervened.

**Keywords:** Idaho Power, IPC-E-26-26, marginal cost pricing, Micron, Idaho PUC
**Sources:** Idaho PUC staff memo, Nov. 10 · Idaho PUC Order No. 37197 · Idaho PUC case file, IPC-E-26-26

WATER RATES IDAHO

### North Idaho water company seeks to raise $39 bill to $93

*The PUC will take customer testimony in Sandpoint on Jan. 27.*

**SANDPOINT:** Schweitzer Basin Water LLC has asked the Idaho Public Utilities Commission to let it more than double its customers' flat monthly bill.

The company proposes a flat $93 a month. Living units under 500 square feet now pay $39, and those over 500 square feet pay $41. It has also asked to raise one-time fees for new connection transfers, among other items.

The case is SCH-W-26-01, filed July 27. The commission's release does not say how many customers the company serves or how much new revenue the increase would bring in.

The commission announced Friday that it will hear from customers Jan. 27 at Sandpoint VFW Post 2453, 1325 Pine St. Testimony starts at 4 p.m. Pacific time and runs until 7 p.m. or until everyone has spoken. People who plan to testify in person are asked to arrive by 3:45 p.m. Testimony will also be taken by phone.

**Keywords:** Schweitzer Basin Water, SCH-W-26-01, water rates, Sandpoint, Idaho PUC
**Sources:** Idaho PUC release, SCH-W-26-01 · Idaho PUC case file, SCH-W-26-01

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## NUCLEAR AND SMR

LICENSING NATIONAL

### NRC narrows safety panel's reviews to speed reactor licensing

*The rule takes effect 75 days after publication unless it draws significant adverse comments.*

**ROCKVILLE, Md.:** The Nuclear Regulatory Commission is narrowing what its independent safety advisers are asked to review, a change the agency says it needs to meet the licensing timelines in a presidential order.

A direct final rule announced Thursday focuses the Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards on safety-significant issues. The agency's release lists first-of-a-kind designs and reactor technologies it considers truly novel. Emerging safety issues are also covered.

"ACRS provides the Commission with an important independent source of technical expertise," NRC Chairman Ho K. Nieh said in the release. He said the change focuses that expertise on novel and safety-significant issues while helping the agency make timely licensing decisions.

The release does not say which reviews the committee will stop doing, and it does not name the regulation being amended. It ties the change to Executive Order 14300.

The committee was created by the Atomic Energy Act to give the commission independent technical advice.

The rule takes effect 75 days after it is published in the Federal Register unless the NRC receives significant adverse comments. The agency said publication would come soon.

Danish developer Saltfoss said Nov. 3 that it had sent the NRC a letter of intent to begin pre-application talks on a floating molten salt reactor, The Waterways Journal reported. The company lists Idaho National Laboratory among its partners.

**Keywords:** Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Advisory Committee on Reactor Safeguards, direct final rule, Executive Order 14300, advanced reactors
**Sources:** NRC news release 26-084 · The Waterways Journal

## IT AND CYBERSECURITY

*On the front page: Duffy blames old gear as FAA holds every U.S. departure four hours*

## SURVEILLANCE AND ALPR

*On the front page: San Diego mayor won't veto shutoff of 505 plate readers*

## LIBERTY

SPEECH NATIONAL

### Jackson, Mississippi, settles suit over public comment rules

*The city will pay $10,000 and suspend three provisions after a resident was stopped from criticizing the clerk.*

**JACKSON, Miss.:** Zach Servis went to a Jackson City Council meeting to say the municipal clerk was doing a poor job and ought to be replaced. A council member cut in.

"I can't let you sit here and disparage a city employee," Council member Grian Grizzell told him, according to the Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression, the free speech group that took up his case.

Servis sued in federal court in August. The city settled last month, the group announced Friday. Jackson agreed to pay $10,000 in legal costs and to suspend three provisions of its public comment ordinance. It also agreed to stop restricting Servis's speech and to work with the group on new rules.

The ordinance barred personal or slanderous remarks and derogatory comments about council members or anyone else in the chamber. The announcement does not say which three provisions were suspended.

The group argued that a rule against critical comments discriminates by viewpoint. It said the council never answered two warning letters sent in 2025. At one meeting, a councilman told Servis that speakers had to follow the ordinance until someone challenged it successfully.

The announcement carries no statement from the city.

**Keywords:** First Amendment, public comment, Jackson Mississippi, FIRE, city council
**Sources:** Foundation for Individual Rights and Expression

DID YOU KNOW

Idaho raises 41% of the nation's trout, the most of any state.

Source: Idaho State Department of Agriculture

POP QUIZ

**On what date did the president sign the bill that made Idaho a state?**

**Answer:** July 3, 1890, at 10 a.m. The Senate had passed it two days earlier.

Source: Idaho State Historical Society

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# THE WIRE

Links that did not make the cut today

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### IDAHO AND MAGIC VALLEY

**Your Health Idaho premiums rise 12% on average for 2027** [East Idaho News]

**Former South Fremont band director reprimanded over school bond video** [East Idaho News]

**Man faces 93 tribal charges after shots near Fort Hall Elementary** [East Idaho News]

**Idaho Falls picks riverside site for 2027 Fourth of July fireworks** [East Idaho News]

**Nearly every Boise flight delayed or canceled in ground stop** [Idaho News 6]

**Kimberly School District holds meetings after bond and levy fail** [KMVT]

**Cassia County Republicans seek nominees for clerk vacancy** [KMVT]

**Idaho reading scores rise as state focuses on third grade** [KMVT]

**Barley growers expect better days after 2026 drop** [KMVT]

### DATA CENTERS, POWER, NUCLEAR, LAND

**Taos County weighs 18-month pause on data centers** [Santa Fe New Mexican]

**Hillsborough County delays data center moratorium vote** [WUSF]

**Developer eyes BLM desert where Lava Ridge stalled** [Idaho News 6]

**Are data centers paying their share? Indiana's Google deal** [Utility Dive]

**FERC's LaCerte on large loads and PJM's price collar** [Utility Dive]

**Constellation signs 270-megawatt deal from existing reactors** [Utility Dive]

**NRC review of Orano enrichment project slips two months** [Nuclear Newswire]

**Interior's case for rewriting BLM planning rules** [BLM]

**Sierra Club's case against the BLM planning rule** [Sierra Club]

### SURVEILLANCE, COURTS, CYBER

**Oakland's Flock cameras run without a signed contract** [Oakland North]

**Culver City council to hear police on Flock cameras Monday** [Culver City Crossroads]

**Columbia, Missouri, votes 5-2 against auto-renewing Flock** [KRCG]

**Federal officials accept permanent order protecting ICE-sighting app** [FIRE]

**Supreme Court agrees to hear asylum suspension case** [SCOTUSblog]

**Eleven relists: guns, backyard searches, phone location data** [SCOTUSblog]

**Check Point gateway flaws used to plant backdoor, wipe servers** [The Hacker News]

**Attackers infect 21 N-central servers, 19 already patched** [The Hacker News]

**United to block customers' AI agents, citing cyber threats** [The Record]

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