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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### *ChargeWest™ - West Electric Highway Powers-Up Regional Fast Charging for Eight Western States*

**Date – September 15th, 12-2 pm at 3753 US-20, Island Park, ID 83429**

The ChargeWest™ - West Electric Highway interstate partnership will be celebrated in Idaho on September 15th, 3753 US-20, Island Park, ID 83429. ChargeWest™ is an eight state collaborative between AZ, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, UT, and WY and is the largest EV corridor collective in the nation. This highly collaborative western-centric project brings together the intermountain west states with their Governors, Energy Offices, Departments of Transportation, and regional Clean Cities programs. Together, the project combines the efforts of over 75 partners and is funded by the Department of Energy Vehicle Technologies Program and supported by the National Association of State Energy Offices (NASEO).

ChargeWest is committed to improving electric corridors across the western United States; building infrastructure for rural gateway communities, state and national parks, monuments, recreation areas and scenic by-ways through public-private partnership. The [ChargeWest™ website](#) provides information on consumer education, laws and incentives with state and federal programming including US DOT's [Charge Forward](#) and [National Electric Vehicle Initiative \(NEVI\) Formula Program](#) with the new [Joint Office of Energy and Transportation](#).

The States of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming will celebrate their EV charging initiatives at 3753 US-20, Island Park, ID 83429, where a new charging station will be installed through the State of Idaho's Electric Vehicle Supply Equipment (EVSE) Program. The first half of the event will comprise of speakers and the second hour will provide the opportunity to view and test drive electric vehicles currently on the market including Tesla models and the Ford Lightning. Speakers for the event include:

- ChargeWest lead, Tammie Bostick
- Idaho Governor Brad Little
- State of Montana Energy Office, Kyla Maki
- State of Wyoming Business Council, Ron Gullberg
- National Park Service, remarks delivered by Alicia Cox of Yellowstone Teton Clean Cities Coalition
- Fall River Rural Electric Cooperative, Clint Washburn

Governor Little, during his 2019 EV Day Proclamation, said that “zero-emission electric vehicles with clean energy produced in our state protects our health while creating new good-paying jobs, especially in rural communities.” The State of Idaho EVSE Program has allocated funding to install 12 fast charging stations along major travel and tourist corridors, including 3 locations under development in Eastern Idaho in Island Park, Driggs, and Ashton.

As a leading western states, Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming continue to explore electric vehicle adoption and infrastructure deployments throughout supporting the efforts of the [Western Governors Association's Electric Vehicles Roadmap Initiative](#), and through [REV West](#).)

*“The intermountain west is becoming one of the most visited places in the United States”* says Tammie Bostick, Executive Director Utah Clean Cities, ChargeWest™ project lead. *“We want the modern traveler to experience the same highways and byways of our western heritage with today’s new electric fuel horsepower. Drivers can ChargeWest™ with range confidence.”* Consumers will see over 100 new electric vehicle models coming to market in the next two years with ranges exceeding 600 miles, which will create confidence in traveling with electric vehicles.

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**ChargeWest™: West Electric Highway  
Electrified Corridors of the Intermountain States**

ChargeWest™ is a collection of Intermountain West states which are committed to improving electric corridors across the western United States; building infrastructure on rural gateway communities, state and national parks, monuments, recreation areas and scenic by-ways. The states involved are Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming. <https://chargewestev.org/>