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Post Falls Senior Scam Jam Conference

*Idaho Department of Finance Co-sponsors
a Free Conference on Avoiding Financial Scams*

Boise, ID—Gavin Gee, director of the Idaho Department of Finance, is proud to announce the department's participation and co-sponsorship of a **FREE** Senior Scam Jam conference in Post Falls on June 14. The Scam Jam, hosted by the Post Falls Senior Center, will kick off with a morning keynote address by **Post Falls Mayor Ken Larkin**. The conference also will include a presentation by **U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission attorney David Berman**, who will provide information for safe investing and tips to avoid investment schemes. The luncheon keynote speaker is **Department of Finance Bureau Chief Marilyn Chastain**, who will provide valuable tips and information in her address entitled "**Protecting Your Loved Ones and Yourself from Financial Fraud.**"

The conference begins with registration from 8-9 a.m. and includes a complimentary sit-down lunch and refreshments. The conference concludes at 3:30 p.m. with closing ceremonies and a drawing for door prizes.

Those interested in attending may register through **AARP** by June 11th by calling toll free **1-877-926-8300** or online at aarp.cvent.com/ID_ScamJamPostFalls. Interested attendees may view the conference agenda on the department's Web site at http://finance.idaho.gov/documents/Scam_Jam_Brochure_Post_Falls.pdf.

The **Post Falls Senior Center** is hosting the conference along with the **Department of Finance** and sponsors that include the **Better Business Bureau**, the **CSI Office on Aging**, **Idaho Department of Insurance**, **SHIBA**, the **Idaho Commission on Aging**, **AARP**, **HUD**, and the **Idaho Bankers Association** – all of which joined together to offer this free Senior Scam Jam Conference. The conference is primarily funded through a grant obtained by the **Idaho Commission on Aging**. The grant is providing financial and technical support to Idaho consumers in four Senior Scam Jam conferences being conducted in Idaho this year.

The Senior Scam Jam will feature topics such as *Adult Exploitation and Protection* conducted by the **Area Agency on Aging**, *Detection of Internet Fraud and Charity Scams* by the **Post Falls Police Department**, and an identity theft panel including **Post Falls Police Detective Rod Gunderson**, **Idaho Department of Finance Examiner Daniel Kline** and **BBB Outreach Coordinator Beve Bryant**. The department also will have a booth at the conference where attendees can receive free educational information on investment, identity theft and consumer fraud.

A special feature of the conference will include a shredding truck from *Recall* for consumers who want to bring personal financial documents for shredding, such as cancelled checks, credit card solicitations, bank statements and other documents containing personal and financial information. *Recall* will have a large shredding truck on site and shredding will be provided **free of charge from 8 a.m. to noon** on the day of the conference.

Two additional Senior Scam Jam Conferences are coming up around the state of Idaho in the following areas in 2012: Idaho Falls on August 8th and Pocatello on August 9th.

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