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STATE ISSUES NEW BANK CHARTER TO BANK OF PULLMAN

Boise, Idaho... Gavin M. Gee, Director of the Idaho Department of Finance, today announced the approval of the application by Bank of Pullman to relocate its head office to Moscow, Idaho, and become an Idaho state-chartered bank. The head office will be located at 505 South Jackson Street, Moscow, Idaho. Washington branches will remain open, and the administrative office will continue to be located in Pullman, Washington. The bank plans to open its Moscow branch on May 19, 1997.

Established in 1970, the bank reported \$58 Million in assets at year-end 1996. The bank is owned by Community Bancorporation, a one-bank holding company established in 1982. Gary E. Schell is the bank's President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Schell has been employed by the bank since 1974 and was appointed President in 1987. In addition to Mr. Schell, other members of the Board include Chairman Hartman L. Gearhiser, Phil R. Druffel, Scott B. Lukins, Martin V. Waananen, and P. Ronald Wachter. Overall, management and the Board have sound experience with the Moscow market area.

Gee stated, "We are very pleased to be able to approve a new Idaho state-chartered bank. This institution is a profitable, well-capitalized bank. We believe the bank will provide excellent banking services in our state to new customers and better service to their existing Idaho bank customers."