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Get ready for the <u>12th annual Idaho[®] Potato Drop</u>, Idaho's signature holiday event that can only be truly experienced LIVE at the Idaho State Capitol!

Winner of <u>USA Today's "10 Best Reader's Choice Award"</u> for "Best New Years Eve Drop" two years running, this time-honored tradition brings people together from all around the world to celebrate the coming of a prosperous new year.

Starting at 6:00 PM, the <u>ICCU Main Stage</u> comes to life as the world-famous <u>#GlowTato</u> ascends to its evening perch during the Idaho[®] Potato Rise, raising awareness for local non-profits in need. <u>KTVB</u> will be on hand broadcasting live across NBC stations in Cecil D. Andrus Park, featuring <u>live</u> <u>music and entertainment</u> by North Mississippi Allstars co-founder <u>Cody Dickinson</u>, with special guest Ben Wilson of Blues Traveler and Idaho favorite Jeff Crosby.

Skiers and snowboarders will compete for cash and prizes in the <u>IPD Urban Rail Jam</u>, winner of <u>SAM Magazine's International Terrain Park Contest for "Best Event"</u>. This one-of-a-kind exhibition has also caught the attention of ESPN, US Ski & Snowboard and the X Games. Complete with dual flame columns at the finish line and all-new rail features built by <u>Onslaught Crew</u> and sponsored by <u>Tamarack Resort</u>.

Sample delicious local food and grab a toddy at the all-ages beer garden in the vendor camp located throughout the park. Customize your own screen-printed Idaho[®] Potato Drop gear on-site and don't forget to snap a picture with Spuddy Buddy at the <u>Big Idaho[®] Potato Tour truck</u>!

At 7 pm, <u>VIP pass holders</u> can grab a drink and dance the night away in our warm and cozy <u>Mountain Modular</u> VIP room located next to the ICCU Mainstage. Enjoy a full bar with complimentary drink and appetizers with live music and raffles. Prizes include Tamarack Resort Passes, Idaho[®] Potato Commission Goodies and a one-night stay in the <u>Idaho[®] Potato Hotel</u>. When the countdown to the new year begins, <u>Inland Crane</u> will 'Drop' it like it's hot to a <u>worldclass pyrotechnic display!</u>

The Idaho[®] Potato Drop is a free and charitable all-ages New Year's Eve event that supports local arts, businesses and charities. This year's beneficiaries include; <u>So Good</u>, <u>Veterans of Foreign Wars</u> and <u>Idaho Crisis & Suicide Hotline</u>. BIG thanks go to our amazing partners supporting our community, including Idaho Central Credit Union, Idaho[®] Potato Commission, <u>Visit Boise</u>, <u>Equipment Share</u>, <u>Stor-It</u>, <u>United Site Services</u>, <u>City of Boise</u>, <u>Key Design Websites</u>, <u>Idaho Storage Connection</u> and <u>Jo's Traveling Bar</u>.

For more information, or to purchase VIP tickets, visit IdahoPotatoDrop.com