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Notice for Reappointment of Incumbent Magistrate Judges

BOISE - The current term of office of United States Magistrate Judges Candy Wagahoff Dale and Ronald E. Bush are due to expire on March 29, 2016 and September 30, 2016 respectively. The United States District Court is required by law to establish a panel of citizens to consider the reappointments of the magistrate judges to a new eight-year term.

The duties of a magistrate judge in this court include the following: (1) conduct most preliminary proceedings in criminal cases; (2) trial and disposition of misdemeanor cases; (3) conduct various pretrial matters and evidentiary proceedings on delegation from a district judge; and (4) trial and disposition of civil cases upon consent of the litigants.

Comments from members of the bar and the public are invited as to whether the incumbent magistrate judges should be recommended by the panel for reappointment by the court and should be directed to Robert G. Hamlin, Chair, Merit Selection Panel, c/o Clerk of Court, 550 W. Fort Street, 4th Floor, Boise, Idaho, 83724. You may also submit comments via email to IDMerit Selection@id.uscourts.gov.

All materials submitted to the panel will be kept confidential.

Comments must be received by **September 15, 2015**.