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FDIC APPROVES DEPOSIT ASSUMPTION OF UNITED BANK, LIBBY, MONTANA

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the assumption of the deposit liabilities of United Bank, Libby, Montana, by First National Bank in Libby, Libby, Montana.

The failed bank's sole office will reopen on Friday, May 15, 1987, as a temporary office of First National Bank in Libby, and its depositors automatically will become depositors of the assuming bank, subject to approval by the appropriate court.

United Bank, with total assets of \$15.8 million, was closed on Thursday, May 14, 1987, by Fred J. Flanders, Montana Commissioner of Financial Institutions, and the FDIC was named receiver.

First National Bank in Libby will assume about \$14.5 million in 4,900 deposit accounts and has agreed to pay the FDIC a purchase premium of \$75,000. It also will purchase certain of the failed bank's loans and other assets for \$9.7 million. To facilitate the transaction, the FDIC will advance about \$5.0 million to the assuming bank and will retain assets of the failed bank with a book value of about \$6.1 million.

The Board of Directors approved the deposit assumption under its authority to do so whenever it determines that such a transaction will reduce the potential loss to the FDIC. The Board made such a finding in this case because of the premium paid by First National Bank in Libby.

The FDIC will recover a portion of its outlay through the liquidation of assets not transferred to the assuming bank. In this respect, the FDIC notes that its claim will have priority over the claims of nondepositor creditors and shareholders of the closed bank.

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