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FDIC TRANSFERS INSURED DEPOSITS OF AMERICAN NATIONAL BANK OF AFTON, AFTON, WYOMING

The Board of Directors of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation has approved the transfer of insured deposits of American National Bank of Afton, Afton, Wyoming, to Star Valley State Bank, Afton, Wyoming. The failed bank's sole office will not reopen. However, its insured depositors will have access to their funds at Star Valley State Bank in Afton beginning October 16, 1987.

The Board of Directors decided to arrange an insured deposit transfer because no acceptable bids were received for a purchase and assumption transaction.

American National Bank of Afton, with total assets of \$10.6 million, was closed on Thursday, October 15, 1987, by Robert J. Herrmann, Senior Deputy Comptroller of the Currency, and the FDIC was named receiver.

At the time the bank closed, its deposits totalled about \$9.9 million in 2,600 deposit accounts including \$240,000 in six accounts that exceeded the federal insurance limit of \$100,000. Uninsured depositors and nondepositor creditors will share proportionately with the FDIC in the proceeds realized from the liquidation of the failed bank's assets.

Deposits in the failed bank up to the statutory insurance limit of \$100,000 will be available to their owners immediately. Checks drawn on the failed bank's accounts will continue to be honored.

Even though insured depositors in the failed bank can automatically continue to conduct their banking transactions with the acquiring bank for an 18-month period, they are encouraged to visit the bank during the next several weeks to discuss the continuation of their banking relationship with the

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acquiring bank. From the standpoint of customer convenience and service, it would be preferable for these visits to be spread out over the next month or longer than to occur within the next week or so.

Administration of the transferred insured deposits will be funded by an equivalent cash payment from the FDIC. The acquiring bank is paying the FDIC a premium of \$5,000 for the right to receive the transferred deposits, and will have an exclusive 60-day option to purchase the failed bank's assets.

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