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Central Bank & Trust, Lander, Wyoming, Assumes All of the Deposits of Bank of Wyoming, Thermopolis, Wyoming

Bank of Wyoming, Thermopolis, Wyoming, was closed today by the State of Wyoming, Department of Audit, Division of Banking, which appointed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) as receiver. To protect the depositors, the FDIC entered into a purchase and assumption agreement with Central Bank & Trust, Lander, Wyoming, to assume all of the deposits of Bank of Wyoming.

Bank of Wyoming's sole office will reopen as a branch of Central Bank & Trust during normal business hours. Depositors of Bank of Wyoming will automatically become depositors of Central Bank & Trust. Deposits will continue to be insured by the FDIC, so there is no need for customers to change their banking relationship to retain their deposit insurance coverage. Customers should continue to use their existing branches until Central Bank & Trust can fully integrate the deposit records of Bank of Wyoming.

Over the weekend, depositors of Bank of Wyoming can access their money by writing checks or using ATM or debit cards. Checks drawn on the bank will continue to be processed. Loan customers should continue to make their payments as usual.

As of June 30, 2009, Bank of Wyoming had total assets of \$70 million and total deposits of approximately \$67 million. In addition to assuming all of the deposits of the failed bank, Central Bank and Trust agreed to purchase approximately \$55 million of assets. The FDIC will retain any remaining assets for later disposition.

Central Bank & Trust will purchase all deposits, except about \$8 million in brokered deposits, held by Bank of Wyoming. The FDIC will pay the brokers directly for the



Congress created the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation in 1933 to restore public confidence in the nation's banking system. It promotes the safety and soundness of these institutions by identifying, monitoring and addressing risks to which they are exposed. The FDIC receives no federal tax dollars — insured financial institutions fund its operations.

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amount of their funds. Customers who placed money with brokers should contact them directly for more information about the status of their deposits.

Customers who have questions about today's transaction can call the FDIC toll-free at 1-866-806-6128. The phone number will be operational this evening until 9:00 p.m., Mountain Daylight Time (MDT); on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., MDT; on Sunday from noon to 6:00 p.m., MDT; and thereafter from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., MDT. Interested parties can also visit the FDIC's Web site at http://www.fdic.gov/bank/individual/failed/wyoming.html.

The FDIC estimates that the cost to the Deposit Insurance Fund (DIF) will be \$27 million. Central Bank & Trust's acquisition of all the deposits was the "least costly" resolution for the FDIC's DIF compared to alternatives. Bank of Wyoming is the 53rd FDIC-insured institution to fail in the nation this year, and the first in Wyoming. The last FDIC-insured institution to be closed in the state was Westland, FS & LA, Rawlins, on July 26, 1991.

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