

China in Idaho

Recently there had been much attention given to the proposal of a new Foreign Trade Zone near Boise. The mayor of Boise, and the Governor of Idaho, Butch Otter, have traveled to China and met with Chinese government officials, trade emissaries, and representatives of Chinese companies. They returned full of optimism for the future of Idaho/Chinese ventures. In the past, Governor Otter has indeed brought some very attractive contracts and possibilities for future sales of Idaho products.

However, much alarm has been generated over the prospect of the Chinese installing Foreign Trade Zones in Southern Idaho. Some of the alarm seems justified, but not always for the reasons widely publicized.

The purpose of this report is to dispel misinformation, present actual information, and bring to light some new information that both sides seem to have overlooked.

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