Republicans await barbecue Thursday

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About everyone who is anyone in the Idaho Repuplican Party is expected to attend the Annual East Idaho Republican Barbecue and Rally at Tautphaus Park Thursday night.

Blake G. Hall

The barbecue is expected to attract upwards of 600 party leaders and workers, said Blake G. Hall, chairman of the sponsoring Region 7 Republican Party and general chairman.

The keynoter is Robert F. Burford, Washington, D., national U.S. Bureau of Land Management director, who will discuss federal range management policies.

Sens. Jim McClure and Steve Symms and Rep. George Hansen and most party officers and leaders are expected to be on hand, said Hall.

McClure also will be here for a day-long hearing on wilderness proposals at Eagle Rock Junior High school preceding the barbecue.

Hall said the barbecue to be served smorgasbord style at 6:30 p.m. at the main shelter at Tautphaus Park.

Members of the congressional delegations are expected to speak briefly, followed by a musical performance. An award will go to the family of Victor Hegsted, who was chairman of the organization before he was killed in a plane accident last year.

Net proceeds for the event will be apportioned to each of the 10 participating east Idaho counties on the basis of tickets sold in each county.

McClure will arrive Wednesday afternoon and talk informally with a Greater Idaho Falls Chamber of Commerce nuclear committee, the Energy for Idaho Committee and Idaho Water Resources Board in separate meetings in the afternoon at the Stardust and then speak to the Argonne National Laboratory banquet in the evening at University Place.

Two of his assistants, Max Rogers, Washington, and Mike Fields, Pocatello, will represent him in conducting a hearing on public land sales issues at the Madison County Courthouse at Rexburg Wednesday from 1 to 3 p.m.