

## The Screening of “Idaho’s Forgotten War”

The long awaited film; Idaho’s Forgotten War will be screened in it entirety in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, on the 34th Anniversary of the war declared by the Kootenai Tribe and Amy Trice against the US Government on September 20th 1974. A compelling film with a universal message of hope, faith and commitment to community, to be enjoyed by all and leaving the viewer knowing that change is possible when you believe in yourself. This film will profile those who participated in the intense negotiations during the chain of events between, the Kootenai Tribe, Federal and State agencies, and with few local citizens describing the accounts of what they saw and heard and the intensity of what will become the last American Indian war declared against the US Government; and how a small Tribe came out of bondage to reclaim their voice and change the lives of so many in a small town called, Bonners Ferry, Idaho.

**When:** September 20th 2008 (Saturday)

**Where:** Rex Theater \* 7222 Main Street \* Bonners Ferry, Idaho

**PH:** 208-267-2682

**Fee:** Adults \$5.00 & Children \$3.00

**Time:** 1 PM (Only Showing)

**Contact:**RI Productions at 208-288-2966

### **Film Description:**

Idaho’s Forgotten War profiles the courage and faith of 67 Idaho Kootenai people and the extraordinary woman, Amy Trice, who declared war on the United States government in 1974 to save her people. Robbed of their lands, culture, and hunting rights, the Kootenai people, move from place to place within a small isolated town called Bonners Ferry in Idaho. Far away from a way of life that no longer existed, the Kootenai people faced complete annihilation. By 1974, the Kootenai people had experienced extreme poverty. Homes given to the Kootenai’s by the Federal Government were decaying with broken windows and holes in the roof, providing minimal shelter to their owners. When a Tribal Elder freezes to death on a cold winter’s day inside his unheated home, the Elders fear it is only a matter of time before their entire Tribe disappears. This film documents the stories of the courageous young Idaho Kootenai woman and the people who experienced the war. Idaho’s Forgotten War will raise awareness about the last American Indian war declared against the U. S. Government on Sept 20, 1974. It will inspire viewers, and smaller Tribes to remain resilient in seeking Federal recognition for their people. What was once Idaho’s forgotten history, comes the true story about the Kootenai people and the woman, whose commitment would not waiver, and her courageous spirit that lead a bloodless war, and helped the Kootenai people rise out of the ashes to become a prosperous Indian Nation.

Here is a link to the trailer...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tugG6qJJr3E>