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Duration: 9 pm to 9:30 pm (KXPI)

Description: Station provided comprehensive coverage of primary elections, including several public school facility and supplemental levies. In studio guests represented a wide array of political opinion from democrats to conventional republican and neo-conservative republicans. Live coverage was also provided at polling places in Rexburg, Rigby, Idaho Falls and Pocatello.

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