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Idaho may sue feds over Yucca Mountain decision

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BOISE -- It appears Idaho may be headed for another lawsuit over its stockpile of highly radioactive waste at the Idaho National Laboratory.

The nation's nuclear waste repository in Nevada is supposed to open next year, but President Obama predicts the \$13.5 billion facility is dead. With the help of Senate Democrats he's cutting off the money supply to make sure the storage facility isn't revived.

Idaho has a long standing contract with the Department of Energy to remove and then store nuclear waste at Yucca Mountain.

On Viewpoint this week, Senator Jim Risch says it's a political move and he can't get an answer from the Obama administration about its alternate plan, so he's making a prediction of his own - a lawsuit.

"We've been very successful at that and now we have a contract and every governor starting with Cecil Andrus have stood shoulder to shoulder. This is not a partisan issue, this is an Idaho issue," said Risch.

You can hear more from the senator on that and a lengthy discussion on the health care debate this Sunday on Channel 7. Viewpoints airs at 9 a.m.