

# U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

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## U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Profile: Dave Aspitarte



Dave Aspitarte will be conducting Phase 2 of the noise analysis for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Project.

Dave is the principle and founder of Bionomics Environmental, Inc., based in Boise. He has performed a wide variety of noise studies throughout Idaho for road design, facilities expansion and OSHA compliance.

The Phase 2 study will follow the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) criteria for establishing noise impacts.

The FHWA criteria identifies and categorizes sensitive receptors, including picnic areas, recreation areas, parks, residences, motels, schools, churches, libraries, hospitals, commercial areas, industrial areas and others. The locations of these sensitive receptors were identified during the Phase 1 noise screen.

Dave's Phase 2 study will measure noise in the field and complete a computer analysis to model both the present and future noise levels.

Next, the field measurements of noise are compared with the computer model, local issues are researched, and other noise sources impacting the sensitive receptors are observed. Both a present and a proposed roadway are entered into the computer model along with traffic volumes.

Future traffic projections on the proposed roadways will be used to determine if noise levels will approach the Idaho Transportation Department policy guidelines.

To read the Phase 1 report, please go to the project Web site at: [www.itd.idaho.gov/GetInvolved/D2/](http://www.itd.idaho.gov/GetInvolved/D2/) and click on U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1, and click on Environmental Reports.

*Dave Aspitarte is the scheduled speaker for the April breakfast meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 11 from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Sandpiper Grill Restaurant, 414 Main St., in Moscow.*

## OPEN HOUSE COMMENT TRANSCRIPTION AND SUMMARY AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE

A transcription and summary of public comments from the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow January open houses are available on the project Web site at: [www.itd.idaho.gov/GetInvolved/D2/](http://www.itd.idaho.gov/GetInvolved/D2/) and click on U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1.

The purposes of the January open houses were to present information and gather input about the alternatives/alignments ITD would like to advance for further consideration and to provide information about the environmental studies that have been conducted.

## KIOSK LOCATED AT MOSCOW CITY HALL

The U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Project information kiosk is located at Moscow City Hall, 206 East Third Street. Staffing days and times are:

**Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.**

The kiosk staff person can answer questions about the project. The kiosk is updated regularly and contains project information including newsletters, brochures and notices of upcoming events.

## MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING



Monthly breakfast meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at the Sandpiper Grill Restaurant, 414 N. Main Street in Moscow, from 7 to 8 a.m. The next breakfast meeting will be held April 11.

The breakfast meeting topic will be the project noise study. Dave Aspitarte, principle and founder of Boise-based Bionomics Environmental, Inc. is conducting Phase 2 of the noise study. A profile of Dave is inside this newsletter.

*The Idaho Transportation Department has hosted monthly breakfast meetings for this project since December 2004. ITD appreciates the strong community attendance at the breakfast meeting.*

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Web site: [www.itd.idaho.gov/](http://www.itd.idaho.gov/) click on Get Involved, click on North-Central Idaho, then click on U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1
- Email: [thorncreekroadtomoscow@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:thorncreekroadtomoscow@itd.idaho.gov)
- Call: ITD Project Manager Ken Helm at 799-5090

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