U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

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U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Profile: Denise Stark



he Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) has contracted with North Wind, Inc. to conduct a hazardous materials survey as part of the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project. Denise Stark, an Environmental Planner with North Wind, Inc., led the survey.

The area Denise investigated starts approximately one-half mile south of Thorncreek

Road and extends north to Palouse River Drive on the south edge of Moscow. The western limit of the area is bounded by the Washington State line and the eastern limit is just east of Paradise Ridge Road.

For this survey, Denise and her associates utilized the following resources:

- Searching the National Response Center Public Database (NRC 2005)
- Searching the Idaho State Police Community and Drug Information website
- Searching the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) databases
- Searching the Latah County Solid Waste Department database
- Interviewing DEQ and ITD representatives in Lewiston regarding previous spills or releases
- Driving and walking the corridor
- Reviewing aerial photographs

To identify potential occurrences of hazardous materials, a hazardous field scan was performed on the project area. Locations within the project area that potentially contained hazardous material were identified and marked on aerial photographs.

Denise will discuss the study methods she used during the hazardous materials scan at the August breakfast meeting.

North Wind, Inc., is a woman-owned small business headquartered in Idaho Falls. The company specializes in the areas of environmental engineering and consulting. It has 14 offices located throughout the United States, and performs a significant portion of its work for state and federal agencies.

The August breakfast meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 9. The meetings are held at the Mark IV Restaurant, 414 Main St. in Moscow, from 7 to 8 a.m.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

TOP OF LEWISTON HILL TO GENESEE

- The contractor is building a retaining wall at the beginning of the project on the east side of the proposed roadway
- Excavation has begun on the west side of the roadway on the south end of the project
- Two crushers located on Cow Creek Road will begin working two shifts per day, five days per week, until this fall to crush aggregate for both projects
- Traffic delays are anticipated to be no longer than 15 minutes
- Expected completion of the project is spring 2007. Scarsella Bros., Inc. from Seattle is the prime contractor.



Excavation on the southern end of the Top of Lewiston Hill to Genesee Project.

GENESEE TO THORNCREEK ROAD

- More than 500,000 cubic meters of materials have been excavated from the project site. Some traffic delays are possible during this work.
- Crews are working on drainage improvement structures
- Expected completion of the project is spring 2007. Scarsella Bros., Inc. from Seattle is the prime contractor.
- Rock base hauling has begun

KIOSK AT FARMER'S MARKET IN AUGUST

On Saturday, Aug. 6, the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow information kiosk will be at the Moscow Farmers' Market, Downtown, Friendship Square parking lot, from 8 a.m. to noon. ITD staff will be available to answer questions.

The kiosk is currently located at the Palouse Mall, 1850 W. Pullman Road, Moscow.

It is staffed two days a week: Mondays from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Saturdays from 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

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 from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Mark IV Restaurant, 414 N. Main Street in Moscow. The next breakfast meeting will be Aug. 9.

The breakfast meeting topic will be hazardous materials and their potential to occur in the project area.

Denise Stark, an Environmental Planner with North Wind, Inc., is the scheduled speaker. A profile of Denise is inside this newsletter.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Web site: www.itd.idaho.gov/GetInvolved/D2/ and click on U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1
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