

U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

JUNE 2005

Project Update

Thank you for your interest in U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow. Public participation at our open houses, workshops and breakfast meetings has been great and we appreciate the community support we have received during this project.

ITD is moving forward with the Environmental Impact Statement and preliminary design for the alternatives/alignments between Thorncreek Road and Moscow. Since the project began in Fall 2004, ITD and the public have worked together to identify:

- Issues and concerns
- The environmental studies that will be completed
- The range of alternatives/alignments that will move forward for environmental study

There are 10 alternatives/alignments moving forward for environmental study. To read descriptions of the alternatives/alignments and view them on a map, please visit the Web site at www.itd.idaho.gov/getinvolved/d2 and click on U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1.

The following studies are being completed on the Western, Eastern and Central corridors:

- Threatened, endangered and rare species of wildlife and plants
- Cultural and/or historic resources
- Wetlands and waterways
- Climate
- Visual and noise
- Residential displacements
- Socioeconomic effects
- Prime farmland
- Hazardous materials

The results of these studies will be available to the public after they are finalized.

A public meeting will be held in Fall/Winter 2005 to show the results of the environmental analysis and ITD's recommendation for narrowing the alternatives/alignments for further consideration.

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- 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 at the south end of the project
- Two crushers located on Cow Creek Road are 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.

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- More than 400,000 cubic meters of materials have been excavated from the project site. Construction vehicles are traveling in and out of the work zone. Please use caution around these vehicles. **Some traffic delays are possible during this work.**
- Crews are working on drainage improvement structures
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NEW KIOSK LOCATION

The information kiosk for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project **has moved and staffing days and times have changed**. The kiosk is now located at the Palouse Mall, 1850 W. Pullman Road, Moscow.

It will be staffed two days a week:

- Mondays from 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- 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.

On **Saturday, July 9** and **Saturday, Aug. 6**, the 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.

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 July 12.

The breakfast meeting topics will be:

- Construction update
- Status of the environmental studies and alternatives/alignments

Scheduled speakers are:

Dave Kuisti, project development engineer
Ken Helm, transportation planner
Zach Funkhouser, environmental planner
Drew Woods, resident engineer

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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