

# U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

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## COMMENT SUMMARY AND TRANSCRIPTION NOW AVAILABLE ON WEB SITE

A summary and transcription of public comments from the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow open houses is now 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.

Nearly 700 comment forms have been transcribed and summarized. Because of the volume of comments and the length of the summary, ITD will not be publishing the summary in a newsletter.

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



*Russ Qualls, who conducted the climate study, was one of several scientists available at the public open houses to discuss the results of the environmental studies.*



*At the public open houses in January, participants reviewed the alternatives/alignments that were studied and saw the ones ITD is recommending to eliminate and to carry forward.*

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

Dave Kuisti was the Idaho Transportation Department's District 2 Project Development Engineer. He oversaw the safety study that was conducted for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Project.

The purpose of the safety study was to estimate the number of accidents per year on the 10 alternatives/alignments that have been studied for this project.

The results were derived using the ITD Safety Evaluation Instruction Manual. Dave Kuisti and District 2 Traffic Engineer Dave Couch used highway accident rate data for Idaho roads similar to the alternatives/alignments being studied on this project.

The safety analysis calculated and compared the projected number of crashes for each alignment option based on the:

- Length of alternatives/alignments
- Estimated number of access points each would have
- The estimated number of turning movements on each



Dave Kuisti will soon be leaving District 2 (Lewiston/North Central Idaho), where he has spent most of his career. He has accepted a promotion to Assistant District Engineer at the ITD District 3 office in Boise, which covers southwest Idaho.

Dave said he will miss District 2, but is looking forward to his new job, where he will oversee construction projects and maintenance operations.

"I'm really looking forward to getting down there and getting started," Dave said. "There are a lot of exciting projects in District 3."

District 2 will begin its search to replace Dave in March.

*Dave Kuisti is the scheduled speaker for the March breakfast meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 14 from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Sandpiper Grill Restaurant, 414 Main St., in Moscow.*

## 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 March 14.

The breakfast meeting topic will be the project safety study. ITD project development engineer Dave Kuisti, who managed the safety study, is the scheduled speaker. A profile of Dave is inside this newsletter.

In addition, ITD project manager Ken Helm and project public involvement consultant Rosemary Curtin will provide an update about the public comments received from the open houses held January 18 and 19.

## 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.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Web site: [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
- Email: [thorncreekroadtomoscow@itd.idaho.gov](mailto:thorncreekroadtomoscow@itd.idaho.gov)
- Call: ITD Project Manager Ken Helm at 799-5090

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