

# U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

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## CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES FROM TOP OF LEWISTON HILL TO THORNCREEK ROAD



*The box culvert at Genesee Junction will improve stormwater drainage.*

Construction is moving forward from the Top of Lewiston Hill to Thorncreek Road. The 15-mile section of road is being widened to a four-lane divided highway. Construction began in 2005 and is taking place as two projects – one called Top of Lewiston Hill to Genesee and the other called Genesee to Thorncreek Road.

When completed, the widened highway will significantly improve safety on the heavily traveled commuter/agricultural corridor. The two projects will ultimately connect with the existing southern entrance to Moscow.

### Top of Lewiston Hill to Genesee

The contractor is excavating material from the hill south of Genesee for the new northbound lanes. In October, construction will begin on the retaining wall for the northbound lanes. These lanes are expected to be paved next year.

Construction is continuing on the box culvert for the southbound lanes north of Genesee. Part of the southbound bridge over Cow Creek will be completed this fall/winter. The rest will be completed as weather permits next spring.

Traffic is being stopped only to allow trucks to enter the highway when visibility is limited.

### Genesee to Thorncreek Road

The contractor has completed the northbound lanes except for pavement markers and some bump repairs. The southbound lanes are being paved, as well as the crossover areas.

The contractor is also seeding the median and ditch areas. Paving is expected to be completed at the end of October.

The public can expect minor traffic delays to allow trucks to enter the highway. Once the southbound lanes are re-opened, the northbound lanes will be reduced to one lane for the pavement markings and bump repairs.

## Dr. Larry Lass to explain weed assessment at breakfast meeting

Those attending the Nov. 14 breakfast meeting will hear a presentation from Dr. Larry Lass, a weed scientist for AquilaVision in Montana. Lass will review the methodology he will use for a weed assessment of the Thorncreek Road to Moscow section of U.S. 95.

Lass and his colleagues will assess noxious and invasive weeds in the three alignment corridors that were identified for further study. The team will first establish a list of the weeds already present in the project area. They will then create a profile of each species, and research how road construction might impact the weed population in the project area. The completed project will suggest ways to prevent or reduce the spread of weeds. The information will be included in the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Thorncreek Road to Moscow project.

Dr. Tim Prather, Associate Professor of Weed Ecology at the University of Idaho, also will attend the breakfast meeting. Prather serves as an associate editor of the journal "Weed Technology," and will assist in the preparation and review of the weed assessment.



*Dr. Larry Lass*

*Dr. Larry Lass is the guest speaker for the November breakfast meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 14 from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Sandpiper Grill Restaurant, 414 Main St. in Moscow.*

## KIOSK WILL STAY AT MOSCOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The information kiosk for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project will remain at the Moscow Chamber of Commerce this month. The Chamber is located at 411 S. Main St. in Moscow. A full project description and map are posted on the kiosk, as well as other related information.

The kiosk will not be staffed in person at the Chamber, so please direct any questions to ITD Project Manager Ken Helm (799-5090).

The Chamber is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
Monday through Friday.

## MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING

Dr. Larry Lass from the University of Idaho will be the guest speaker at the October breakfast meeting. Dr. Lass will speak about the weed assessment he is conducting as part of the ongoing U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow study. 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 November 14.

### 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
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