

U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

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GRAND OPENING

After two years of construction, 100 local residents and guests dedicated a new four-lane stretch of U.S. 95 from the Top of Lewiston Hill to Thorncreek Road on Oct. 18.

Idaho Transportation Board Vice Chairman Bruce Sweeney was the keynote speaker for the ceremony at the top of Lewiston Hill. Honored guests were invited to sign and place the final milepost for the new highway, which opened to traffic on Oct. 14.

The 16-mile stretch of U.S. 95 was widened from two to four lanes. The old highway had several unsafe horizontal and vertical curves and no center median.

ITD will put final touches, including shoulder rumble strips and final striping, on the new highway this fall. Motorists can expect lane restrictions during striping.



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Safety studies show that widening a two-lane highway like U.S. 95 to four divided lanes can reduce accident rates by 45 percent

THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW PROJECT UPDATE

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the last 6.5 miles of U.S. 95 from Thorncreek Road to Moscow was submitted to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) in October.

The document was delayed last summer during an internal review at ITD headquarters. The ITD team recommended that the wildlife section of the document be submitted to a third party for review.

Bill Ruediger of Wildlife Consulting completed the third-party wildlife review in September. His assessment is available at www.itd.idaho.gov (go to Projects, North-Central Idaho and U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1).

ITD expects the FHWA review process to take several months. You will be notified through this newsletter when the document is available for public comment.

ITD will host a public hearing to record public testimony. A Final EIS will be sent to the Idaho Transportation Board, which will then submit it to the FHWA for a final decision.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED



ITD will continue to update the community while the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is under review at the Federal Highway Administration. Here's how to stay informed over the winter:

- **Read** the project kiosk at the Eastside Marketplace. The marketplace (1420 S. Blaine St. in Moscow) is open from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.
- **Visit** www.itd.idaho.gov and choose Get Involved, North-Central Idaho and U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1.
- **Contact** ITD project manager Ken Helm at (208) 799-5090 or thorncreekroadtomoscow@itd.idaho.gov.

The U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project kiosk was part of the Moscow Farmers Market on Aug. 18.

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