

U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

JANUARY 2006

January 2006 Open Houses

The January open houses will be the fourth public event for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project.

PREVIOUS PUBLIC EVENTS INCLUDED:

- November 2004 – Meetings to provide comments on issues, concerns and suggestions about widening U.S. 95 between Thorncreek Road and Moscow to a four-lane divided highway
- January 2005 – Workshops to review a range of alternatives/alignments and provide comments
- April 2005 – Open house to review the comments and suggestions from the January workshops and provide comments

To review summaries and see displays from these past events, please visit the project Web site.

AT JANUARY'S MEETING, ATTENDEES WILL:

- See visual representations of all 10 alternatives/alignments that have been studied
- Learn and provide comments about the alternatives/alignments being recommended to be carried forward
- Review and provide comments on the environmental studies conducted for the alternatives/alignments and talk to the experts who completed them

The environmental studies for this project will be posted on the Web site on Wednesday, Jan. 11 at www.itd.idaho.gov/GetInvolved/D2/, click on U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1.

U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Profile: Jason Pfaff



Jason Pfaff is conducting the visual analysis for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Project.

Jason is the president and chief executive officer of Boise-based Visual Genesis, Inc. and has been doing visual analysis for 15 years.

Visual analysis helps determine how a person's view and perspective may be changed by a proposed project. For example, how a proposed land development might alter the view of the residents who live in the area.

To do his work, Jason conducts site visits and uses aerial photography to create virtual models of an area's existing conditions. He also identifies the viewers who will be impacted by a proposed project. These viewers are usually residents and recreationists.

Then he adds the proposed project to the virtual model and studies the visual impacts to viewers.

After identifying the visual impacts of a proposed project, Jason is also able to suggest measures that may mitigate for visual impacts.

For the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project, Jason is completing a visual analysis of the 10 alternatives/alignments under consideration.

Jason has used visual analysis to study transportation projects, wind farms, gas and oil pipelines, generators, timber harvests, mining operations and landfills.

Jason is a University of Idaho graduate. He founded Visual Genesis five years ago.

Jason Pfaff is the scheduled speaker for the January breakfast meeting. The meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10 from 7 to 8 a.m. at the Sandpiper Grill Restaurant, 414 Main St., in Moscow.

HELP DETERMINE THE ROUTE OF U.S. 95 FROM THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

**Please plan to attend one of two open houses
at the Eastside Marketplace off the Troy Highway in Moscow:**

**Wednesday, January 18, 2006 and
Thursday, January 19, 2006
3-8 p.m.**

Enter through the main entrance. The open house will be in the southern end of the Marketplace.

At the open houses you will have an opportunity to learn about the project and the 10 alternatives/alignments that have been studied.

The Idaho Transportation Department will answer questions and take comments on the environmental studies and the alternatives/alignments it recommends to be carried forward.

More information about the January open houses is inside this newsletter.

KIOSK MOVING TO CITY HALL

On Monday, Jan. 9, the project information kiosk is moving to Moscow City Hall, 206 East Third St.

The kiosk is staffed two days a week by someone who can answer questions about the project.

Staffing days and times are:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-5 p.m.

The kiosk is updated regularly and contains project information including newsletters, brochures and notices of upcoming events.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION

- Web site: www.itd.idaho.gov/GetInvolved/D2/ and click on U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1
- Email: thorncreekroadtomoscow@itd.idaho.gov
- Call: ITD Project Manager Ken Helm at 799-5090

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