

U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

DECEMBER 2005

December 13 Breakfast Meeting

Several people who attended the October breakfast meeting raised questions and concerns about the socio-economic study. ITD is reviewing those issues and addressing them.

At the breakfast meeting on Dec. 13, Miguel Gaddi will return to continue the October discussion and answer questions. Miguel works for HDR Engineering in Boise and specializes in transportation and land use issues.

As part of the socio-economic study, Miguel is analyzing:

- The demographic conditions found in the project area
- Environmental justice issues to determine whether minority or low-income populations are disproportionately impacted by the alternatives/alignments and the degree of those impacts
- The potential to induce development within the project area based on the possible improvements

The December breakfast meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 13 at the Sandpiper Grill Restaurant, 414 Main St. in Moscow from 7 to 8 a.m.

Cow Creek Wetland Mitigation Project

The Cow Creek wetland mitigation site is an Idaho Transportation Department project designed to mitigate for emergent, scrub shrub, forested and non-jurisdictional wetland impacts from four highway construction projects: Moscow South (constructed in 2004), Top of Lewiston Hill to Genesee and Genesee to Thorncreek Road (currently under construction) and the Thorncreek Road to Moscow project.

The project site is about one mile off U.S. 95, near the Genesee wastewater ponds. Construction began in the spring of 2005 and was completed in the fall.

The major objectives of the project were to:

- Accomplish required mitigation
- Provide stream channel restoration
- Stabilize the streambank
- Improve water quality

Wetland mitigation is required by the Army Corps of Engineers under section 404 of the Clean Water Act



The project site in Sept. 2005

The Cow Creek wetland mitigation project included:

- Planting more than 60,000 container plants including emergent plugs, shrub species and trees
- Incorporating habitat snags and woody debris components
- Installing numerous bird and bat boxes and goose fencing
- Planting grass seed, and installing erosion blankets and other erosion control devices
- Constructing four wells and an extensive water delivery system
- Installing rock veins and ground water wells
- Creating an upland buffer surrounding the site for additional protection

The Cow Creek mitigation site is approximately 11.5 acres. The estimated construction cost was \$1.8 million.

KIOSK LOCATED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO

The information kiosk for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Project is located at the University of Idaho on the second floor of the Idaho Commons Building at the south end of the building.

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.

U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW PROJECT REACHES ONE YEAR MARK

The U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project has been underway for just over a year now. Thanks to all of you who have participated in the scoping meetings, workshops, open house, breakfast meetings and/or visited our information kiosk. Thanks also for your interest in the monthly newsletter. We appreciate your continued interest in this project.

To see past newsletters or to review displays and summaries of the scoping meetings, workshops and open house, please visit the project Web site at www.itd.idaho.gov/getinvolved/d2/ and click on U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1.

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. The next breakfast meeting will be held Dec. 13.

Due to questions and concerns raised by attendees at the October breakfast meeting, Miguel Gaddi from HDR Engineering will return to discuss the socio-economic study of the project area.

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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