

U.S. 95 THORNCREEK ROAD TO MOSCOW

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U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow Profile: Ray Hennekey

Ray Hennekey, from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, is assisting ITD with wildlife impact assessments for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project. Ray is an environmental staff biologist for Fish and Game in the Clearwater Region. As the technical coordinator for the region, Ray looks at the potential impacts that projects like this U.S. 95 highway project will have on fish and wildlife in the area.

Fish and Game's work is based on a recently-released Idaho Wildlife Conservation Strategy, which lists species that are "at risk" in the project area. Fish and Game will look at 30 of these animals – which include fish and fowl, mammals, amphibians, reptiles, mollusks and insects – to determine what impact the Thorncreek Road to Moscow project might have.

The results of the wildlife assessment, including recommended mitigation, will be integrated into the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project.

Ray has lived in Northern Idaho for the last six years. He has more than 40 years of experience as a biologist and environmental specialist, has worked for various county, state and federal agencies, and has been a private contractor. Ray also has worked as a freelance outdoor writer, and ran a successful landscape construction and masonry business for 10 years.



Ray Hennekey

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

PROJECT UPDATE

The results of Ray's work will be included in the draft Environmental Impact Statement that ITD is compiling for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project. ITD already has completed an in-depth study of deer, elk and moose in the area, which also will be included in the statement.

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) required several additional studies when it approved the three alternatives/alignments for the U.S. 95 Thorncreek Road to Moscow project.

These three alternatives/alignments included the W4 (West), C3 (Central) and E2 (East) plans. They are explained in detail at ITD's Web site (www.itd.idaho.gov, click on Get Involved, North Central Idaho, and U.S. 95, Thorncreek Road to Moscow, Stage 1).

All of the original environmental studies are posted on ITD's Web site. As the additional studies are approved, they also will be posted on the site. Watch for updates in future newsletters as well.



The draft Environmental Impact Statement is expected to be completed in Summer/Fall 2007.



MONTHLY BREAKFAST MEETING

Ray Hennekey from Idaho Fish and Game will be the guest speaker at the October breakfast meeting. Ray will speak about the wildlife study he is conducting as part of the 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 October 10.

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. Maps of the three approved U.S. 95 road alignments (W4, C3 and E2) are posted on the kiosk, as well as other project information.

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

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

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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

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