



City of Moscow
Administration

Press Release

To: Interested Media

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Re: Press Release

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

City of Moscow Commends Focus the Nation and Supporters

Moscow, Idaho, January 30, 2008 – The City of Moscow is proud to support upcoming Focus the Nation events taking place on January 31. Mayor Nancy Chaney commends the participating agencies such as the University of Idaho and the Palouse Clearwater Environmental Institute for their participation in hosting events surrounding this program.

The City of Moscow has a commitment to protecting the environment, improving quality of life, and promoting sustainability. In order to fulfill this commitment, the City is actively facilitating a green building program that will offer local contractors and owner/builders the option of certifying their residential projects as “Green”.

The City of Moscow also participates in the ICLEI program. ICLEI was founded in 1990 as the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives. Also known now as the Local Governments for Sustainability, ICLEI is an international association of local governments and national and regional local government organizations that have made a commitment to sustainable development. As part of our effort to become a more sustainable community, Moscow is working with ICLEI on a baseline greenhouse gas emissions inventory for the city.

The City of Moscow is also proud to have Moscow Recycling available to all of our citizens. This facility provides curbside recycling pick-up service, as well as a drop off facility. The drop off area is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and pick up service runs concurrent with regular solid waste pick up.

Water conservation is of the highest importance in our community. The City’s goal is to reduce water consumption today to ensure plentiful supplies tomorrow for our community and our children. The

City of Moscow Water Department offers free water saving devices for inside and outside the home to the citizens of Moscow.

As agencies around the nation make the move to become a more sustainable community, the importance of bio-diesel is at the forefront of discussions. In light of the importance to sustaining our environment, the City of Moscow has begun supplementing with bio-diesel in many of its vehicles. Currently, bio-diesel is being used as much as 20% during the summer months in compatible vehicles.

Moscow is making great strides to providing an environmentally sound community for today and the future. By committing to developing programs to conserve water, promote bio-diesel fuel use and monitor our own green house gases, we hope to move towards providing a sustainable community now and into the future.

January 31st Focus the Nation Events include:

- A Webcast screening of "The 2% Solution," noon–2 p.m., Commons Whitewater Room
- Forum, "Obstacles to Combating Climate Change and How to Overcome Them," 6 p.m., Mikey's Gyros
- Webcast of the "Architecture 2030" in University architecture classes. Online: www.architecture2030.org/
- Participation in the "Face-It" architectural challenge. Web site: www.architecture2030.org/faceit/index.php. To participate, e-mail Nick Hubof at nhubof@vandals.uidaho.edu.

For more information on city initiatives please contact:

- Green Building – Please call the Community Development Department at (208) 883-7022 or visit <http://www.ci.moscow.id.us/CommDev/GreenBuilding.asp>
- ICLEI & Green House Gas Emissions – Please visit ICLEI at <http://www.iclei.org/>, for City Green House Gas Emissions information, please call the City of Moscow Sustainability Intern at (208) 883-7000
- Recycling – Please call Moscow Recycling at (208) 882-0590
- Water Conservation – Please call the City of Moscow Water Department, Nichole Baker at (208) 883-7114

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