

# MAP Release

## (Multi-Agency Partnership)

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### Troopers "Emphasize" a safe Tri-State 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend

The Idaho State Police, the Montana Highway Patrol and the Washington State Patrol will have every available trooper working and are asking for motorist's cooperation over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. All three agencies expect to see increased traffic including motorcycle and recreational vehicle traffic. Motorists should expect to see extra Tri-State patrols on I-90 and secondary highways between Ritzville and Missoula over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend. The emphasis will begin July the 3rd with a Stateline evening emphasis patrol near Post Falls. This emphasis will involve multiple agencies including the Post Falls police department.

We encourage travelers to be extremely careful. Officers will be aggressively locating, arresting and removing impaired drivers from your highways. Impaired and aggressive driving, dangerous speeds and occupant restraint violations will be strictly enforced. According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Association, alcohol and excessive speed remains a significant contributing factor in motor vehicle deaths and injuries. Please be a defensive driver and not a distracted driver and protect yourself by wearing your seat belt. Seat belts do save lives.

It is our goal to have no serious injury or fatal collisions this weekend. We will do everything in our power to prevent these tragedies from occurring on your roadways.

Please report dangerous drivers as soon as you can safely do so by calling 911. In Idaho you can also call \*477. In Montana, Report A Drunk Driver (R.A.D.D.) 1-800-525-5555.

Please drive safely.

Media rides are available upon request.



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