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Presentation on Green Building Standards and Discussion on What it could mean for the Wood River Valley

(Hailey, Idaho) – On June 16th at 6pm, The City of Hailey and Blaine County will jointly host "Green Building -The Real Story: A Presentation and Forum for the Wood River Design and Building Industry." The evening will focus on green building and will, among other topics, be addressing the challenges, benefits, examples of other municipalities' programs, and the financial cost and savings. The presentation will address the difficult issues associated with green building programs and provide information for those in the building and design industries; however the general public is encouraged and welcome to attend.

Beginning this past winter, the City of Hailey and Blaine County's sustainable building committees have been diligently researching green building standards and programs, while conducting outreach efforts with various design and building professionals. Both committees were tasked with providing recommendations to elected officials for increasing the sustainability of homes and commercial buildings, within their respective jurisdictions.

The presentation will begin at 6pm, at the Community Campus in Hailey, in room 301/302. The presenters, Eric Makela and Michelle Britt of the Britt/Makela Group, Inc., have experience at the national level in high performance buildings, code development, training, data analysis, architecture, building science, low-impact energy efficient building design, and land use.

Following the presentation, from 7-8pm, there will be a stakeholder's forum comprised of various professionals. The forum will attempt to determine and address the major issues and concerns felt by stakeholders. This will be an opportunity for the County and City's Committees to gain feedback from those with a stake in the issue. This feedback will then be used in developing the committees' respective recommendations.

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