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OH TO BE YOUNG AGAIN!

We left the Boise area in the dust today. We also left the freeways in the dust too. The route to Coeur d' Alene was route 95, a two lane road with loads of trucks, locals, and tourists. Thru one valley, the road was torn up for miles and miles. We left the highway to go thru the town of White Bird, and look at an RV park on the river. One clue was that the river was not there and the other clue was the population of the town was 150 people!

There was no place to turn the rig around and it appeared that we were on the old highway. The new route was high on the side of a mountain opposite.

**No fear, the old road will meet the new road somewhere!
This became a lesson**

on why they build new roads. I think Lewis & Clark used this road! We drove for miles on a two lane 16' wide road. Each lane was 8 ft, the width of the motor home. We climbed 2,000 ft on a switchback road with no guardrails or pullouts. At one point I looked over the edge and counted six switchbacks!



Finally we joined the new road and proceeded along the Salmon River. At the town of Riggins, ID all the river rafting trips originated. As we followed the river, we saw dozens of rafts navigating the rapids. Our son Tom spent his younger years rafting this very spot, for a living, with Western River Expeditions.

It was a long drive today, so we holed up in an Indian Casino RV Park. The temperatures were still in the high 90's today.

Dave & Bonnie