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*"Every man owes part of his time and money to the business or industry to which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere."  
- Theodore Roosevelt -*

## Associate ~~OF THE MONTH~~



Jason Peery  
Grow Rasmussen LLP

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## Spike of the Month



Chuck Miller  
Chuck Miller Construction

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## BCASWI PAC Golf Tournament

June 23, 2017

Shadow Valley Golf Course



Tournament Fee: \$95

Go to page 9 for registration form or  
call 377-3550



Tee and Green sponsorships are still available,  
but hurry they go fast!



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## President's Perspective

by Juston Hall, Creekside Custom Homes

**My article is taken from an NAHB report on the Canadian softwood lumber and the new duty.**

It takes a lot of lumber to build a house, and the price of that wood is going way up. A new duty imposed by the U.S. Commerce Department on Canadian softwood lumber is designed to level the playing field between Canadian and U.S. lumber producers, and just the anticipation of it has pushed lumber prices higher by about 22 percent since the start of this year. "NAHB is deeply disappointed in this action by the U.S. Department of Commerce that will ultimately do nothing to resolve issues causing the U.S.-Canadian lumber trade dispute but will negatively harm American consumers and housing affordability," **said NAHB Chairman Granger MacDonald, a homebuilder and developer from Kerrville, Texas.**

Lumber is about 10-15 percent of the sticks and bricks cost of a house, however, a lot of the tariff's impact was already baked into market expectations over the past few months, **so lumber costs should not go up much more.** That said, builders are already facing big cost challenges. The materials prices are adding another layer to the surge in the replacement costs of housing. Labor shortages continue. Finished lot prices are inflating in high single digits. Lumber is just one component.

The industry will offset that with higher prices, perhaps raising them 3 to 5 percent. The median sale price of a newly built home in March rose just 1 percent compared with a year ago. **There is a downturn in buyers in some parts of the country, per NAHB,** that is likely due to weakening affordability amid a severe shortage of homes for sale, both new and existing. The shortage is exacerbated by higher construction costs.

Even though demand for housing is high, the short supply has pushed prices to new peaks; that is sidelining buyers, especially first-time buyers, who are usually a huge driver of home sales.

# BCA Executive Overview

by Frankie Hickman-Rice, Executive Vice-President

**Don't Miss out on all the Fun now that it is starting to look a little like spring here in the Treasure Valley!** Do you know that feeling you get when spring finally arrives? One day we look around and realize the trees have begun to turn green again and the once frozen ground starts to thaw and sprout with flowers of every color. It's an almost magical feeling! Yeah, that's where we are but wait – it's June and that means summer! Wow, what happened to spring?

2017 Parade of Homes wrapped up and from all accounts was very successful. We are hearing good things and already summarizing things to consider for the next one. It is truly scary that within 45 days we will be putting the Fall Parade information out there for consideration. The weather has been so weird that summer may be a tad short this year.

Once again we have the BEST PAC fund raising GOLF tournament in the county booked at Shadow Valley this year (June 23rd) and we want all of you to join us in just some plain old fun. Chairman Dan Richter is back and excited to fill the holes with sponsors and the playing field with golfers.

Also on the July calendar is the Idaho BCA Spring/Summer meeting at the Grand Targhee Resort just across the state line about 7000 feet up in Alta, Wyoming. IBCA has had one other meeting in the Grand Targhee Resort several years back and it is a beautiful setting. Kick off on July 19th for the opening evening is the Annual Awards Reception. Thursday night after a day of educational classes and committee meetings, the host local Idaho Falls has scheduled a fun evening of music and entertainment by taking us on a trip over the mountain to the Bar J Restaurant. If you have never been to a State meeting, this event would be a great first IBCA meeting for a first timer.

Here's to having a great summer! Stop in for one of the committee meetings or just stop by for a cup of coffee or a can of pop. Our door is always open.

## A Look Ahead July

**Members Only Meetings - For membership information call 208-377-3550.**

- 4 Happy Fourth of July!! Office Closed
- 11 • Executive Committee, 11:30 a.m.  
• Builders-Codes Council/Developers Council/Government Affairs, 3 p.m., BCA
- 12 Associates Council, Noon, BCA, RSVP for lunch.
- 13 Board of Directors, 4 p.m., BCA
- 17 Membership Committee & Spike, Noon BCA, RSVP for lunch.
- 19 • Sales & Marketing Council, Noon, BCA - RSVP for lunch  
• IBCA Spring/Summer Board Meeting Begins, Grand Targhee Resort, WY
- 21 IBCA Spring/Summer Board Meeting Ends, Grand Targhee Resort, WY

*All dates, times and locations are subject to change. Please call for confirmation - 208-377-3550.*

### BCASWI ASSOCIATION STAFF

Frankie Hickman-Rice,  
Executive Vice-President

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Communications Projects Director

Heather Hooglander, Membership Director

Emily Covington, Receptionist



## Membership The Foundation

Heather Hooglander,  
BCASWI Membership Director

June is here but you wouldn't guess it based on weather temperatures. The mornings start out cold and crisp, by the late afternoon, I am changing outfits to accommodate the slightly warmer temperatures.

Speaking of changes, I am reminded to ask as your Membership Director, to please keep us updated on any changes within your company. It is truly important that we have all the most current names, addresses, phone numbers and emails in our database. This will help maximize your membership by keeping you updated on all of the upcoming BCASWI meetings and events. Also, whatever we have in our system, is what potential clients and other members will find when they go to our website. The BCASWI policy is, any changes needing to be made, needs to be stated in writing. An email would be sufficient and can be sent to [Hsciola@heritagewifi.com](mailto:Hsciola@heritagewifi.com).

If you haven't heard through a little "birdie", this month there are a couple of BCASWI Golf Tournaments. Come join us at Terrace Lakes Golf

Resort on Friday, June 16th for the 20th Annual Jim Amyx Memorial Spike Golf Tournament. There must be at least 1 Spike per team. There is a list of Spikes in this newsletter on page 7. Sponsorships are still available. The next tournament scheduled is the PAC (Political Action Committee) Tournament. This is scheduled for Friday, June 23rd at Shadow Valley Golf Course. There are also sponsorships still available. If you're interested in playing and or sponsoring either tournament, there are registrations available online or you may of course contact the BCASWI office.

With summer planning filling up quickly, don't forget to calendar the IBCA Spring Board Meeting. This is taking place Wednesday, July 19th thru Friday, July 23rd – at The Grand Targee Resort in Alto, Wyoming. Contact the IBCA office for more details and information.

In closing, here is a little summer humor for all of you who enjoy fishing:

What do you call a fish with no eyes? A fsh.

Have an amazing and safe summer!

### *New Membership and Renewals*

The BCASWI wishes to thank the following new member companies and membership renewal companies. "Without Your Membership, We'd Be Lost!" If you have comments regarding any of these memberships, please direct them in writing to the Membership Committee, 6206 N. Discovery Way, Suite A, Boise, ID 83713. (Per the By-Laws, Art. 1, Sec. 2)

For a full list of members please go to the Classified Directory on our website at [bcaswi.org](http://bcaswi.org).

### *NEW MEMBERS*

**ALLURA**  
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**WELLS FARGO BANK**  
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INC.**  
TONI JONES

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CHUCK KEENE



**ALSIDE SUPPLY CENTER**  
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CHRIS LARAWAY

**HOMESTREET BANK**  
JIM CROTTY



**COLEMAN HOMES A TOLL BROTHERS COMPANY**  
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**ESP PRINTING & MAILING**  
ERIC SMITH

**BARBER VALLEY DEVELOPMENT, INC.**  
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DAN RICHTER

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ANGIE BARNES

**FRANCINI, INC**  
WILLIAMS WHITNEY



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**CLEARWATER PLUMBING, LLC**  
DAVID STEPHENSON

**CENTURY 21 MAGELLAN REALTY**  
WESLEY FLACKER

**PFB CUSTOM HOMES GROUP LLC**

**COURTYARD BOISE WEST MERIDIAN**  
PATRICK MARSH

**CAPELL FLOORING AND INTERIORS**  
MATT CAPELL

**WECKWERTH CABINETS LLC**  
BRYAN COLLETT

**POWER ENTERPRISES, INC.**  
HARRY MARTZ

**VANTAGE HOMES**  
CHAD ALAND



## **UPCOMING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY**

**Certified New Home Sales  
Professional**

**June 8th, 22nd, & 29th, 2017  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m**

To Register please contact Heather Hooglander at 377-3550.

## *Associate of the Month*

Jason Peery, Grow Rasmussen LLP

Thank you Associates Council for a chance to be Associate of the Month. The Associates are working diligently to create fun events and support the building industry. We hope all of you will take the time to attend the events we have planned during the summer and fall this year. In the building industry, everyone needs the opportunity to keep and build the business relationships that help our businesses to succeed. The Associates Council hopes to create those opportunities in a fun environment and help the industry grow.

Outside of work, I love to watch my kids' activities and sporting events. My wife and I have 9 kids and enjoy the busy schedule of all their activities. We love to go camping and enjoy the wonderful outdoors in Idaho. We hike and backpack to beautiful mountain lakes and enjoy the great outdoors. We recently took on riding bikes as a family (which is quite a site—all

sizes of bikes and a bike trailer for the little ones). Our littlest and 6 year old keeps us laughing as he sings away as he rides along in the trailer.

In my "spare time" away from family, I am a CPA at Grow Rasmussen LLP. Our company has been supporting the construction industry for more than 35 years. We help our clients through financial and tax planning to succeed in their businesses. No one likes to pay taxes. Don't you hate the apprehension of that tax return being completed and finding out how much you owe. We can help reduce the apprehension and reduce your tax bill with tax planning. Wouldn't your business improve with reduced taxes and better cash flow? What about business tax credits--Do you qualify? We can help.

We wish you success in your businesses.

Jason Peery, CPA PFS  
Partner at Grow Rasmussen LLP

# BCASWI FEATURED TRADES OF THE MONTH

### TRADE:

Window Supplier:

Door Supplier:

Finish Lumber Supplier:

Cabinetry Supplier:

### MEMBER COMPANIES:

Alside Supply  
Ashley Glass Company  
Solar Concepts

Bentley Door Company  
The Screen Door Guy

BMC Building Materials  
Franklin Building Supply  
Pacific Supply Company

Blue Print Construction dba The Cabinet Shop  
Huntwood Cabinets  
Treasure Valley Kitchen & Bath  
Weckwerth Cabinets LLC

View Point, Inc.  
Wood Windows Inc.

Treasure Valley Door & Trim Sales  
TNT Door & Millwork

ProBuild  
Weyerhaeuser

Each month the Membership Committee randomly draws BCASWI trades to list and feature on a board in the BCA conference room and in the newsletter. The goal is to show members who they can do business with as well as encourage signing up members used but not showing under the trade. For questions contact Heather Hooglander - 208-377-3550.



<i>Status</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Members</i>	
<b>STATESMAN SPIKE - 500</b>	Larry Van Hees	613.0	
	Jerry Nemeč	584.0	
<b>SUPER SPIKES - 250</b>	Dave Mortensen	283.0	
	Ted Martinez	266.5	
	Steve Martinez	268.0	
	Chuck Miller	259.0	
<b>ROYAL SPIKES - 150</b>	Chris Conner	211.25	
	Todd Amyx	211.0	
	Bob Barnes Jr.	191.0	
	Burt Smith	189.0	
	Kent Mortensen	175.5	
	John Seidl	164.5	
	Pat Minegar	156.0	
<b>RED SPIKES - 100</b>	Jeni Sexton	142.0	
	Frank Varriale	126.0	
	Wayne Stacy	125.25	
	Bill Davis	119.0	
	Juston Hall	122.0	
	Ron Whitney	117.0	
	Tracy Dixon	118.0	
	Dave Yorgason	116.0	
	Marie Hanson	111.0	
<b>GREEN SPIKES - 50</b>	Dale Sullivan	97.0	
	Dennis Schaffner	91.5	
	Billy Mahan	82.5	
	Eric Smith	75.0	
	Bob Barnes Sr.	69.25	
	Zach Evans	62.0	
	Vicki White	60.0	
	Sarah Seidl	58.5	
	Milford Terrell	57.5	
	Eric Stunz	57.5	
	Ramon Yorgason	52.5	
	<b>LIFE SPIKES - 25</b>	Steve Weeks	46.0
Ray Rice		46.25	
Dale Conrad		42.5	
Craig Groves		39.5	
Russ VanWagenen		36.5	
Ted Mason		35.0	
Erick Wadsworth		32.0	
Dwayne Speegle		31.5	
Dick Lierz		31.0	
Jake Centers		31.25	
Joe Atalla		30.0	
Bud Fisher		26.0	
<b>BLUE SPIKES - 6</b>		Jon Hastings	24.0
		Trey Langford	22.5
		Jeff Thompson	21.0

**BLUE SPIKES - 6  
(continued)**

Cade Coltrin	20.0
Cody Weight	16.0
Karen Ellis	15.0
Thomas Coleman	11.0
Craig Hammett	12.0
Matt Knickrehm	11.5
Dan Richter	11.0
Barb McDermott	10.75
Reata Conner	10.0
Steve Edwards	10.0
Mike LaRue	10.0
Tammy Schacher	10.0
Bud Browne	8.5
Clay Boyce	8.0
Jason Peery	8.0
Jon Yorgason	8.0
Mark Wilkins	7.5
Heather Echeverria	7.0
Shaun Urwin	7.0
Jeff Martell	7.0
Daniel Cullip	6.5
Lars Hansen	6.5
Don Flynn	6.0
Rod Givens	6.0
Kevin Howell	6.0

***Candidates***

Spike candidates are called "Tacks." Tacks must earn 6 credits to become a "Spike"

**4.5 - 5.5 Credits**

Dan Clark  
Steven Hanson  
Tammy Lanore  
Rob Pearce  
Alicia Rodman  
Stephen Sengelmann  
Ray Westmoreland

**3 - 4.0 Credits**

Kevin Amar  
Corey Barton  
Mike Brown  
Robert Bruno  
Todd Campbell  
Nate Fehrenbacher  
John Flaherty  
Dan Foutz  
Matthew Gardner  
Spencer Kofoed

Christine Langhorst  
Tim Mallon  
Trudy Mallon  
PJ Nava  
Abram Neider  
Don Newell  
Lance Snyder  
Ingo Stroup  
Marvin Ward  
Steve Warren  
Roger Wilson  
David Wipper

**1.5 - 2.5 Credits**

Martin Artis  
Dennis Baker  
Brent Belveal  
Alan Berman  
Chad Christensen  
Peggy Deffenbaugh  
Corey Elitharp  
Bryant Forrester  
Rick Garret  
Tyler Gustafson  
Don Hubble  
Justin Hubble

Jason Lloyd  
Justin Mai  
Brian Morkid  
Stan Ray  
Clint Rogers  
Tracy Skidmore  
Chad Smith  
Christal Smith  
Jake Tunison  
Darren Wood

**.5 - 1.0 Credits**

Josh Anderson  
Kami Brant  
Dave Buich  
Clay Conner  
Dave Evans  
Terri Harvey  
Greg Johnson  
Sandra Majors  
Jason Martin  
Jackie Metzger  
Jason Ramsey  
Janet Smith  
Ival Turner

According to the rules of the Spike Club program to become a Spike member, an individual must sign up 6 new members - which earns 6 Spike Credits - within two consecutive years. To retain that Spike status a minimum of one new member - which earns 1 credit (new or retention) - must be earned each year until a total of 25 credits have been earned - which triggers Life Spike status. For individuals that do not earn 6 credits by December of their second year of recruiting, all credits from the first year are forfeited.

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# BCASWI PAC Golf Tournament



Boise, Idaho

June 23, 2017

Shadow Valley Golf Course

Limited to the first 96 players!



● Check In Time	7:00 am
● Shot Gun Start	8:00 am
● Tournament Fee	\$95
<small>(Includes 18 holes, cart, range balls, lunch and beverages. Players must check in at the clubhouse!)</small>	
● Minimum of one (1) BCA member per team	
● Limit two (2) mulligans per person @ \$10 each	
● Players must be registered and paid by June 16th.	

## Registration

\$95 per player includes 18 holes, cart, range balls, lunch & beverages. If you do not have a full team, PAC will place you on a team. Payment must accompany this form.

Member Company \_\_\_\_\_

Player 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
handicap/avg. \_\_\_\_\_

Player 2 \_\_\_\_\_  
handicap/avg. \_\_\_\_\_

Player 3 \_\_\_\_\_  
handicap/avg. \_\_\_\_\_

Player 4 \_\_\_\_\_  
handicap/avg. \_\_\_\_\_

## Rules

1. Four-person scramble format
2. Team advances to best shot
3. One score per hole per team
4. Minimum of one (1) BCASWI member per team

## Golf Hole Sponsor

\_\_\_ \$500 per hole # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$400 tee # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ \$250 green # \_\_\_\_\_

**SOLD** \$1,000 Beverages - Sponsored by Western Heating & AC  
**SOLD** \$1,500 Lunch - Sponsored by A-1 Heating & AC

Company name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact person: \_\_\_\_\_ Ph #: \_\_\_\_\_

## Payment

**\*Make checks payable to BCASWI PAC\***

Check enclosed

Charge to my: Visa  Mastercard  Discover

Name on Card: \_\_\_\_\_

Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Vcode: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$95 each

Mulligans: \_\_\_\_\_ at \$10 each (only two per person allowed)

Sponsorship: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (from above)

Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail or fax your registration form to: [emily@heritagewifi.com](mailto:emily@heritagewifi.com)  
or (208)377-3553. For questions contact Emily at 377-3550.



# SAVE THE DATE!!!



## Christmas Party & Industry Awards

### December 1, 2017

### 5:30 p.m.

### Riverside Hotel





# *Builder, Developer, Government Affairs Committee Report*

Meets the second Tuesday of every month at 3pm

## Reports from Participating Jurisdictions

**Boise City Building Department:** Boise City reported solid growth putting it above all 2016 statistics. It is taking about 10 working days for single family plan reviews and 30 for commercial plan reviews.

Overtime has been authorized to meet the time lines.

**Ada County Highway District:** ACHD impact fees continue to be down from 2016 on Commercial and slightly down in April on Residential for 2017.

Project bids are coming in 30% higher. Work is being done on some issues with the Stormwater policy and should be able to share it by May 24th and then the public hearing in July.

**Ada County Building Department:** The County for permits continues to be up year over year. Residential plan review time stayed the same at about 15 days goal is 10.

**Eagle Building Department:** The city permits pulled are averaging about 30 – 34 a month. The plan review time is about 15 work days and trying to get to 12 maximum. Commercial is taking about 30 days. Eagle also said this year it will go through the process of adopting the new building codes as adopted by the legislature.

**Meridian Building Department:** Meridian city also reporting solid growth with single family and commercial and mechanical are staying consistent. Other topics discussed included the Design Review on Main “road-backed” property visuals. There is more flexibility in the field as to any changes made to the structure design once it has been signed off on by the city. It allows for a new inspection. Residential Plan Review goal is less than 10 days but have been aver-

aging about 8 days. Meridian also said later this year they will go through the process of adopting the new building codes as adopted by the Legislature. It was also clarified that the Legislature did not adopt the 2015 IRC or energy codes for residential home building.

**Star Building Department:** filed report from Cathy Ward, Zoning Administrator

Month	2017	2016	2015	2014
April	30	19	15	18

**Market Report:** New Construction median sales price is up this month, \$320,768 reflecting a 1% over last year this time. Affordability of the median price is at 30% which is up from last year at this time according to F/M and Fr/M. Inventory is up (785) over last month (767). Rolling average of sales is down over last month. Pending sales are up to 681 compared to 589 last month. FYI: in 2016 that number was 565.

Some of the items on the BCASWI Members Session that follows were: Meridian Public Works water meters and water system repair fee increases reflecting increased cost to them only. Continue to monitor **Eagle City Impact Fees** for pathways included as park impact fees. Eagle has hired a new Park director as well. In conjunction with the Snake River Valley BCA, the committee is addressing some Canyon County issues as well.

**Please join us each month in the BCA Conference Room on the second Tuesday of the Month at 3pm. The meeting is open to all trades and builders.**

## NAHB Targets the Good, the Bad and the Ugly Regulations

Filed in Codes and Regulations, Environmental on May 18, 2017

NAHB highlighted 10 expensive and overreaching regulatory programs in comments submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) this week in response to a presidential directive to “alleviate unnecessary regulatory burdens.”

“Residential construction is one of the most heavily regulated industries in the country. In these economic times, the decrease in production, loss of jobs within the industry, and other factors point to the need to reduce the regulatory burden on this vital industry,” NAHB said in its comment letter.

NAHB also urged continued funding for three programs facing proposed budget cuts or elimination: Energy Star, WaterSense and the Sustainable Communities programs.

“NAHB understands that energy efficiency is in the best interest of the nation’s economy, environment, security and energy independence in the long term, and that the nation must look beyond short-term fluctuations in the cost and availability of energy in establishing energy policies and programs,” the comments said.

The NAHB Senior Officers already brought to EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt’s attention three of the programs

that NAHB members would like to see improved, curtailed or eliminated.

- The Lead, Renovation and Repair Rule needs to be reexamined because an accurate, EPA-approved lead paint testing kit is not yet available. If home owners without small children or anyone who is pregnant in the household could allow their contractors to forego the requirements for lead-safe work practices, they’d save money, and the “target population” for whom the rule was designed would not be affected.

- The new rules that define what constitutes a water of the United States – for which enforcement has already been stayed by the courts – need to be jettisoned all together, NAHB wrote. “NAHB looks forward to working with the Trump Administration, EPA and the Corps to develop a clear, commonsense rule to protect our nation’s waterways while taking into account the interests of local businesses and communities nationwide,” the comments said.

- Stormwater management regulations continue to cause confusion – ironically in the wake of new “streamlining” measures designed to fix the problem. “Paperwork violations related to record keeping for Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan or SWPPP implementation, for example, often do not result in real water quality improvements, and only serve to increase administrative costs for cities, states, and EPA,” the letter said.

For additional information, contact Michael Mittelholzer at 800-368-5242 x8660.

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## HUD Task Force to Tackle Excessive Regulation

Filed in Codes and Regulations, Multifamily on May 15, 2017

Following up on President Trump’s recent directives designed to ease the burden of onerous and conflicting federal regulations, HUD today announced it is forming a task force to identify agency regulations that should be repealed, replaced or modified – and get a better handle on the price tags, including record-keeping costs, associated with each one.

HUD is taking this action in accordance with Executive Orders 13771, “Reducing Regulation and Controlling Regulatory Costs,” and 13777, “Enforcing the Regulatory Reform Agenda.”

Of particular interest to the agency are rules that:

- Eliminate jobs or inhibit job creation
- Are outdated, unnecessary or ineffective
- Impose costs that exceed benefits;
- Creates serious inconsistencies or otherwise interfere with regulatory reform initiatives and policies
- Are the result of other directives that have been rescinded or substantially modified
- Can be modified, streamlined or eliminated with technology
- Duplicate or conflict with requirements of another federal agency

NAHB will submit comments by June 14. Members wishing to offer feedback as part of NAHB’s overall comments should contact Michelle Kitchen at 202-266-8352.

## *BCASWI Mission Statement and Goals*

### **Statement**

The Building Contractors Association of Southwestern Idaho is a nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting the responsible development of our community. Utilizing the collective strengths and talents of our members, we represent the American Dream politically, economically and professionally.

### **Mission Goals**

- To be the respected voice of the building industry.
- To be the deciding factor in political, legislative and regulatory matters.
- To be the leader in protecting and enhancing the quality of life through effective stewardship of the land.
- To be the resource for members to enhance business opportunities.
- To be the leader in promoting partnerships with the community groups, related industries and governmental entities to accommodate an expanding economy.
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