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Banking Tips For The Eclipse

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The upcoming solar Eclipse will bring an influx of visitors who will patronize our hotels, campgrounds, restaurants and grocery stores, which should provide an economic boost for our local merchants this summer.

From a safety and banking perspective, here are some items to keep in mind as our small communities prepare for this special event.

- **Exercise Patience If Cell Phone and Internet Services Are Slow.** Cell phone service and smartphone internet is expected to be slow, particularly on Monday, August 21, the day of the eclipse. This may create strains on other communications networks as locals and visitors connect to WIFI and wired networks. Exercise patience should networks slow, and use other communications devices including traditional AM/FM radio for news in case of an emergency.
- **Carry A Little Extra Cash.** If internet services and communications systems are adversely impacted on the day of the eclipse, it may temporarily suspend your access to Credit/Debit Card networks, Online Banking and Mobile Banking. As a precaution, it would be wise to carry some extra cash for the weekend of August 19th – 21st should payment networks become temporarily suspended.
- **Take the Road Less Traveled.** Traffic is expected to be heavy on many of two lane highways, particularly communities such as Baker City, which is in the path of totality. As locals when travelling around town, we should try to use less traveled routes to reduce congestion for police, fire and other emergency services vehicles on primary routes. You may also fill your gas tank early in the week of August 14th as gas stations are expected to be very busy assisting travelers.

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