Baggs Deer Underpass Update for September 1 to December 21, 2010

The deer underpass north of Baggs, on WYO 789 at Milepost 45, continues to receive high use by mule deer. The number of east-west (direction of fall migration) crossings was substantially higher this fall than during Fall 2009. There were 5,279 east-west mule deer crossings from October 16 to December 21, 2010, as compared to 2,818 east-west crossings from October 16 to December 29, 2009. The total number of crossings (5,712) made in both directions from September 1 to December 21, 2010, is already approaching the combined total (6,418) for the Fall 2009/Spring 2010 migration cycle. A few crossings by coyotes, bobcat, and elk were also documented. Two mature bucks were also photographed fighting inside the underpass during the rut.

Table 1. Number of documented mule deer crossings through Baggs Underpass from September 1, 2010 to December 21, 2010.

Mule Deer Crossings through Baggs Underpass - WYO 789, Milepost 45						
Date	East to West Crossings	West to East Crossings	Total			
Sept. 1-Dec. 21	5,354	358	5,712			

Table 2. Mule deer age and sex data obtained from Baggs Underpass from September 1, 2010 to December 21, 2010.

East-West Mule Deer Crossings through Baggs Underpass – WYO 789, Milepost 45							
Date	# Does	# Fawns	# Yearling	# Mature	# Unknown	Total	
			Bucks	Bucks			
Sept. 1-Dec. 21	2,434	1,460	248	335	877	5,354	

Table 3. Other wildlife crossings through Baggs Underpass from September 1, 2010 to December 21,2010.

Other Wildlife Crossings through Baggs Underpass – WYO 789, Milepost 45						
Date	Elk	Bobcat	Coyote			
Sept. 1-Dec.21	2	1	3			

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