Baggs Deer Underpass Update #3

Mule deer migration slowed down substantially between January 12, 2010, and March 12, 2010. There were only 576 east-west crossings during this time period and, as of March 12, the spring migration had not fired up yet. During the March 12 site visit, it was discovered that the underpass has poor drainage through it. A frozen pond had developed inside the underpass and photos showed mule deer avoiding the ice and not using the underpass. Only 2 mule deer were documented using the underpass once the ice formed on March 2. Appropriate individuals with Wyoming Department of Transportation and Wyoming Game and Fish were contacted regarding the underpass drainage situation.

Table	1. Nu	umber o	of docu	ment	ed mu	le deer	crossin	gs ti	hrough Baggs Underpass from October
16, 200	09 to	March	12, 20	10.				-	
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Mule Deer Crossings through Baggs Underpass - WYO 789, Milepost 45								
Date	East to West Crossings	West to East Crossings	Total					
Oct. 16 - Nov. 15	853	154	1,007					
Nov. 16 - Nov. 21	552	157	709					
Nov. 21 - Dec. 1	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Dec. 1 - Dec. 14	1,036	81	1,117					
Dec. 14 - Dec. 29	377	69	446					
Dec. 29 - Jan. 12	480	12	492					
Jan. 12 - Feb. 9	398	71	469					
Feb. 9 - Mar. 12	178	11	189					
Total:	3,874	555	4,429					

Table 2. Other wildlife crossings through Baggs Underpass from October 16, 2009 to March 12, 2010.

Other Wildlife Crossings through Baggs Underpass - WYO 789, Milepost 45								
Date	Elk	Bobcat	Coyote					
Oct. 16 - Nov. 15	0	1	1					
Nov. 16 - Nov. 21	4	0	0					
Nov. 21 - Dec. 1	N/A	N/A	N/A					
Dec. 1 - Dec. 14	0	0	0					
Dec. 14 - Dec. 29	0	0	3					
Dec. 29 - Jan. 12	0	1	4					
Jan. 12 - Feb. 9	0	1	5					
Feb. 9 - Mar. 12	0	2	2					
Total:	4	5	15					









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