Baggs Deer Underpass Update #4 (March 12 to April 21, 2010)

On March 29, 2010, WYDOT personnel from the Baggs Maintenance Shop constructed a berm inside the underpass in order to provide a temporary fix for the drainage issue and to give the deer a drier, ice-free path to travel on. Photos indicated that deer started using the berm less than two hours after it was completed. Deer were much less reluctant to pass through the underpass on the berm than when the substrate was covered by ice and standing water.

| 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 | |
| Mar. 12 - April 5 | 21 | 545 | 566 | |
| April 5 - April 21 | 32 | 396 | 428 | |
| Total: | 3,927 | 1,496 | 5,423 | |

Table 1. Number of documented mule deer crossings through Baggs Underpass from October 16, 2009 to April 21, 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 | |
| Mar. 12 - April 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| April 5 - April 21 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| Total: | 4 | 5 | 15 | |

Table 2. Other wildlife crossings through Baggs Underpass from October 16, 2009 to April 21, 2010.



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