

## Baggs Deer Underpass Update #5 (April 21 to August 31, 2010)

High use of the underpass by mule deer continued into May. The camera was left in place, and the underpass was monitored through the summer months. There was one documented crossing by a whitetail deer. WYDOT maintenance personnel completed grading work in and around the underpass to improve drainage through the structure. Hopefully this will prevent another pond and ice skating rink from forming inside the underpass next spring. It appears drainage is much better than before.

Table 1. Number of documented mule deer crossings through Baggs Underpass from October 16, 2009 to August 31, 2010.

<b>Mule Deer Crossings through Baggs Underpass - WYO 789, Milepost 45</b>			
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*	0	0	0
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
April 21 - May 4	19	265	284
May 4 - May 19	33	402	435
May 19 - June 3	11	106	117
June 3 - June 15	0	20	20
June 15 - July 14	29	61	90
July 14 – August 31	17	32	49
<b>Total:</b>	4,036	2,382	<b>6,418</b>

\* No data from November 21 to December 1 due to dead batteries in the camera. This occurred during a period of very high deer use of the underpass during night-time hours which prompted high use of the infrared flash and drained the batteries.

Table 2. Other wildlife crossings through Baggs Underpass from October 16, 2009 to August 31, 2010.

<b>Other Wildlife Crossings through Baggs Underpass – WYO 789, RM 45</b>						
<b>Date</b>	<b>Elk</b>	<b>Bobcat</b>	<b>Coyote</b>	<b>Pronghorn</b>	<b>Whitetail</b>	<b>Racoon</b>
Oct. 16 - Nov. 15	0	1	1	0	0	0
Nov. 16 - Nov. 21	4	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 21 - Dec. 1*	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec. 1 - Dec. 14	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec. 14 - Dec. 29	0	0	3	0	0	0
Dec. 29 - Jan. 12	0	1	4	0	0	0
Jan. 12 - Feb. 9	0	1	5	0	0	0
Feb. 9 - Mar. 12	0	2	2	0	0	0
Mar. 12 - April 5	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 5 - April 21	0	0	0	0	0	0
April 21 - May 4	1	0	0	0	0	0
May 4 - May 19	1	0	1	0	0	0
May 19 - June 3	0	0	0	0	1	0
June 3 - June 15	0	1	0	0	0	0
June 15 - July 14	0	0	1	0	0	0
July 14 - August 31	0	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total:</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

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Photos:



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2010-04-27 3:03:14 AM M 1/1

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2010-04-28 6:04:04 AM M 1/1

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2010-05-03 5:30:23 AM M 1/1

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2010-05-03 5:30:52 AM M 1/1

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2010-06-03 8:46:47 PM M 1/1

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2010-06-29 7:23:27 PM M 1/1

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