WYOMING 22 TETON PASS *TRAVEL INFORMATION*

TO TRAVEL WY22/TETON PASS YOU MUST:

Be within the proper weight restriction of 60,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.

Operate only in a properly loaded and well-maintained vehicle.

Complete the WY22 Safe Pass self-certification if you are driving an RV, pulling a trailer, or operating vehicles and combinations of vehicles having a gross vehicle weight (GVW), gross vehicle weight rating (GVWR) or gross combined vehicle weight rating (GCWR) of 10,000 pounds or more. This includes heavy-duty pickup trucks, large cargo vans, step vans, and small box trucks.

Obey all signs and restrictions, including the seasonal closure for all trailer traffic. There are seasonal restrictions Nov. 15 to April 1, and periodic restrictions throughout the year.

Drive patiently, cautiously and defensively. Drivers must agree to carry and use tire chains or comply with Wyoming winter chain law requirements (W.S. 31-5-956) when restrictions are in effect.

Ensure the driver is alert, fully trained and experienced. This includes knowledge of:

- Your vehicle's capabilities and operation;
- Proper downshifting techniques on manual and/or automatic transmissions;
- Effective engine braking techniques; and
- Available turnouts and runaway vehicle ramps and arrestors.

Still plan on traveling Teton Pass? You must self-certify with our **Safe Pass** program found here:
safepass.wyoroad.info

More information on mountain pass driving can be found here:
www.dot.state.wy.us/home/travel/mountain-driving.html

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DON'T TEST TETON PASS – MAKE THE GRADE

Wyoming State Highway 22 over Teton Pass is a demanding mountain road that tests even the most experienced drivers. Its steep grades of 10 percent are nearly double the steepness of most mountain passes, and sharp curves pose significant risks, with severe crashes historically resulting in serious injuries and fatalities. Please read the following material before traveling Wyoming Highway 22 over Teton Pass.

The safest choice is to travel on an alternate route. Those wishing to detour around Teton Pass can detour through Swan Valley on US Highway 26.

If you are carrying an interstate commercial load, you can contact any Wyoming Highway Patrol Port of Entry or Permit Station for alternate routes.

A PRE-TRIP INSPECTION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Tires are adequately inflated and have adequate tread.
- ☐ Brake line hoses and air lines are in working order with no leaks.
- ☐ Trailer brakes are in working order.
- ☐ Trailer couplings are appropriate for trailer loads and are secure.
- ☐ Cargo is secure.

DO NOT RISK IT

Teton Pass can be **HAZARDOUS** for RVs, large trucks and oversized vehicles. Grade steepness, grade length and curve severity can cause drivers to lose control.

You can call any Wyoming Highway Patrol Port of Entry or Permit Station for alternate routes.

Ignoring this safety information and not self-certifying as part of the WY22 Safe Pass program could increase your chances of a crash.

VEHICLE ARRESTOR NETS/ VEHICLE ESCAPE RAMPS

If your brakes fail and you lose control, WYDOT has two life-saving systems ready to stop you. When descending Teton Pass, recognize runaway ramps and arrestor systems and be prepared to use them.

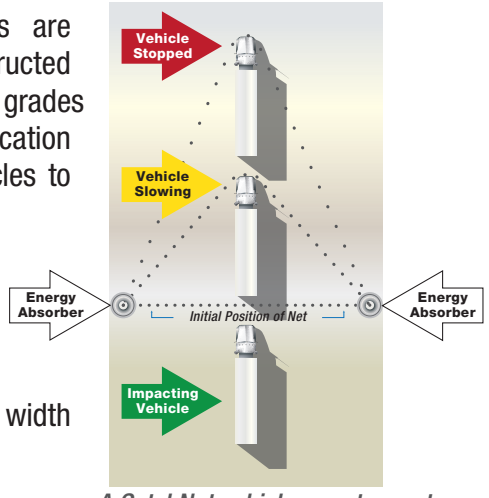
Teton Pass has a runaway vehicle escape ramp located at eastbound milepost 8.3 (left-hand side of the highway) and a vehicle arrestor system further down the mountain at eastbound milepost 7.44.

When using an arrestor system, steer your vehicle between the concrete barriers and let the expanding cables and tapes slow and stop your vehicle.

CatchNet systems have been designed to stop a wide range of vehicles weighing up to 90,000 pounds and traveling up to 90 mph.

Vehicle escape ramps are designed and constructed in areas where steep grades exist to provide a location for out-of-control vehicles to come to a safe stop.

Ramp arrestor beds are lined with loose pea-sized gravel with a minimum depth of 3 feet and a minimum width of 26 feet.



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