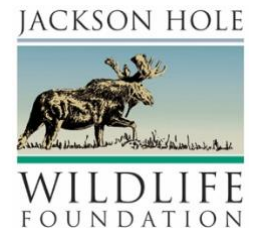


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The Community Fundraises for Speed Limit Enforcement on WY 390 (Teton Village Road)

Jackson, WY –A new, citizen-initiated fundraising effort will support enhanced speed limit patrols on WY 390 with the goal of reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions in the Snake River Corridor.

This Speed Limit Enforcement Fund will enable increased enforcement of posted speed limits along Teton Village Road by deputies of the Teton County Sheriff’s Office. “According to a recent Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) report, most motorists are not complying with posted speeds,” said Paul Hansen, who helped start the fund.

Increased driver speed is directly tied to heightened chances of wildlife-vehicle collisions, especially at night. Funding of new patrols is a direct response to an outpouring of community concern for the high rate of wildlife-vehicle collisions, often involving moose, on this stretch of roadway.

Due to staffing constraints, the Teton County Sheriff’s department will provide officers overtime compensation for extra hours worked during this direct patrol. The initial goal is to raise sufficient funds for ten hours of direct patrol enforcement per week for ten weeks. Funding will directly enable sheriff department’s deputies to allocate time patrolling WY 390 for speeding motorists.

The Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation will serve as fiscal agent for the Speed Limit Enforcement Fund. Citizen contributions have already funded special patrols through November. All donations made to this project will be tax deductible.

Interested donors should make checks out to:

Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation
PO Box 8042 Jackson, Wyoming 83002
For the purpose of the Speed Limit Enforcement Fund.

ABOUT WILDLIFE-VEHICLE COLLISIONS ON WY-390

Over the past decade, more than 50 moose have been killed in wildlife-vehicle collisions on roadways between Teton Village and the town of Wilson, including several animals in 2020. The Jackson Hole moose herd is estimated by Wyoming Game and Fish Department to contain only several hundred animals at best, and wildlife-vehicle collisions represent a significant long-term threat to the sustainability of a healthy herd.

Additionally, due to their sheer size, dark coat, and their long legs, moose are a big safety concern for motorists. Most of their mass sits high above the ground and their immense bodies can come crashing through the windshield or roof of a car. The typical average cost of a collision with a moose is over \$30,000. Collision data indicates the vast majority of vehicles involved in collisions with wildlife along WY 390 belong to residents of Wyoming and Idaho.

ABOUT JACKSON HOLE WILDLIFE FOUNDATION

Founded in 1993, the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation (JHWF) works to promote ways for our community to live compatibly with wildlife. It accomplishes its mission primarily through on-the-ground projects that it guides in collaboration with agencies, organizations and private landowners. Through its Nature Mapping Jackson Hole program, it gathers and disseminates wildlife data that can inform wildlife-friendly policies and educate the public on how to reduce potential conflict with our wild neighbors while increasing local knowledge of all wildlife species. JHWF has utilized thousands of volunteers in its Wildlife Friendlier Fencing Program over the past two decades to remove or improve more than 215 miles of fence for the benefit of migrating wildlife.

Since 1996, JHWF has introduced a variety of measures to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions (WVCs) on Teton County highways. JHWF's Give Wildlife a Brake program has strategically installed fixed radar signs and variable digital message signs to protect wildlife in collision "hotspots" identified in its comprehensive Teton County Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions Database and in its corresponding "hotspot" maps.