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Tips for staying safe on Teton County roads

How to protect the safety of wildlife, yourself, and your passengers

JACKSON, WY – Five moose have been killed in the last five months in wildlife-vehicle collisions on a 1-mile stretch of WY 390, otherwise known as the Village Road. On average, 3.5 moose-vehicle collisions have been reported annually on this highway over the past 10 years.

“Thanks to our partners at Wyoming Department of Transportation, Teton County, and Wyoming Game and Fish Department, wildlife can cross the highway safely at the intersection of WY 22 and 390 due to newly completed wildlife crossing structures and funnel fencing,” says Renee Seidler, Executive Director of Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation. “However, just north of the newly built project, dense development and access roads on WY 390 make it challenging to create effective mitigation solutions.”

Collisions with wildlife can often be prevented by modifying one's driving behavior. Studies show that speed is one of the most controllable factors.

Here are some tips to stay safe on our roads:

- Reduce driver distractions and increase driver awareness by focusing on the task of driving and not engaging in deep conversation either on the phone or within the vehicle.
- Do not utilize your phone or other tools within the vehicle.
- Scan the sides of the road for wildlife as you drive.
- Drive no faster than the speed limit. In compromised conditions such as during rain or snowstorms or at dawn, dusk, or night, reduce your speed by 10 miles per hour or more as needed.
- Recognize that when you see one animal crossing the road, there are likely to be others following. When you see one, reduce your speed and scan the roadsides.
- Learn how to recognize important wildlife habitat such as creeks, streams, and other waterways passing under or along the road and increase your awareness for wildlife in these areas.
- Flash your hazard lights when you see wildlife in case you need to brake suddenly to avoid a collision.

To see where **wildlife-vehicle collision hotspots** are in Teton County, WY and Teton County, ID check out the most recent [Wildlife-Vehicle Collision Database Summary Report](#).

About Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation:

[Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation](#) advances wildlife conservation driven by science, collaboration, and a community of volunteers. Through collaboration, research, and hands-on projects, JHWF creates practical solutions to protect wildlife and their habitats.

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