

## **Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation**

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**Dear Wyoming Game and Fish Department:** 

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) has a long history of successful partnerships with various governmental and non-governmental agencies including the Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Wyoming Game and Fish Department, Wyoming Wildlife Federation, Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance and the Mule Deer Foundation.

The RMEF supports your efforts to secure TIGER Discretionary Grants. It is our understanding that these monies would be used to fund Wildlife Connectivity Projects including:

Trapper's Point: Overpasses, Underpasses and Fencing
LaBarge to Dry Piney Creek: Underpasses and Fencing
US 189- I-80, North to Milepost 24: Underpasses and Fencing
I-80- Halleck Ridge, Cooper Cove, Leroy to Sisters, and Creston Junction to Wamsutter:
Overpasses, Underpasses and Fencing

These projects will help mitigate migration route issues for mule deer and antelope that have arisen due to subdivisions, energy development, and road construction. It is hoped that these projects will improve safe wildlife movement and help Wyoming sustain its wildlife populations.

I hope you are successful with this funding as these projects are critical to Wyoming's wildlife.

Sincerely,

Jill Tonn Wyoming Regional Director