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John Cox – Director Wyoming Department of Transportation 5300 Bishop Blvd. Cheyenne, WY 82009

## Dear Director Cox:

I would like to express my strong support on behalf of the Wyoming Game and Fish Department for the proposed TIGER Discretionary Grants funded projects, which would benefit wildlife in Wyoming while improving motorist safety by decreasing the potential for wildlife – vehicle collisions. As you know, my staff has been working with yours in the development of these proposals, and we strongly support your efforts.

Implementation of these projects may allow for re-establishment or maintenance of the following crucial wildlife migration corridors throughout the state:

- The Trappers Point bottleneck in the 160-mile migration route from Grand Teton National Park to Southwest Wyoming.
- Daily and seasonal movements of wildlife along US-189 in stretches of the highway heavily used by the energy industry.
- North/south wildlife migration corridors that were effectively severed as a result of constructing I-80.

These projects complement the Wyoming Game and Fish Department's Mission of "Conserving Wildlife – Serving People". Therefore, we are pleased to endorse and fully support the Wyoming Department of Transportation in their efforts to secure TIGER Funds and implement the proposed projects. If there is anything further our agency can do to support your application process, please let us know. We believe this project will provide substantial benefit to Wyoming's citizens and wildlife.

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Thank you for the opportunity to partner in the development of these projects, and we look forward to future coordination in this effort.

Sincerely,

Steve K. Ferrell

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