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Wyoming Department of Transportation
 Attn: Delbert A. McOmie- Chief Engineer
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Dear Mr. McOmie,

On behalf of the National Parks Conservation Association (NPCA), I am writing in support of the Wyoming Department of Transportation's application for a system of wildlife migration structures from the TIGER Fund's Discretionary Grant program. We particularly support the proposed overpasses, underpasses and fencing on US Highway 191 at the Trappers Point area that would directly affect wildlife migrations to and from Grand Teton National Park.

National Parks are shared valued resources that have been protected at the highest level of government for the betterment of our country and its citizens. For the past 90 years, the NPCA has represented national interests by working with local communities and with state and national government to protect and enhance America's National Park System for present and future generations. NPCA represents more than 325,000 members across the United States and speaks on behalf of their passion for our protected spaces.

NPCA believes that America's national parks and historical sites embody the American spirit and help define our nation's character. They are windows to our past, homes to some of our rarest plants and animal species, and places where every American can go to find inspiration, peace, and open space. Within our parks, wildlife are protected by habitat preservation and societal laws, but when animals migrate out of the national parks they are vulnerable to lost and/or fragmented habitat, obstructions to movement such as roads and fences, and completely or partially blocked migration corridors, due to expanding human development and infrastructure.

Grand Teton National Park's pronghorn herd represent the remnants of an iconic species in our nation's great Western parks, and are among few pronghorn populations that still migrate. These pronghorn are part of the ever-dwindling world-wide phenomenon of long distance migration. With only 300 hundred animals remaining in the Grand Teton herd of antelope, scientists say the Grand

