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Wildlife structures see early use on WYO 22, WYO 390 project



There are four wildlife crossing features that have been constructed as part of the Snake River Bridge Replacement and WYO 22/390 intersection upgrade project in Teton County. These features include an extension of the new bridge on the east side, two box culverts near the intersection, and a wildlife bridge on the west side of the new Snake River Bridge that was used by the bear.

By Stephanie Harsha

Wyoming Department of Transportation and contract crews recently had a special visitor to the construction project underway on Wyoming Highway 22 at the newly replaced Snake River Bridge, between Jackson and Wilson in Teton County.

On May 14, WYDOT engineers were notified by a local rancher that a grizzly bear was moving through the area near the project. WYDOT engineer Mick Farrell, who was working onsite, was able to capture some photos of the bear as it crossed the river to the west side south of the bridge. The bear then used the wildlife bridge west of the Snake River – constructed as part of the project – to continue north.

“We watched it cross the river to the west side,” said WYDOT project engineer Mick Farrell. “With the wildlife fencing already constructed, we assumed the bear would likely use the west structure, which he did. It was pretty amazing to see firsthand the wildlife crossings working.”

The Snake River Bridge replacement project has been underway since 2023, but WYDOT engaged in an extensive

public involvement and planning process well before construction began. The project was added to the State Transportation Improvement Plan in 2016, and work began on scope and design. The old bridge over the Snake River near Wilson was in need of replacement, and with the nearby major intersection of WYO 22 and WYO 390 failing to meet the standard level of service, reconstruction of the intersection was also included as part of the project.

As part of the planning for the project, WYDOT convened a wildlife subcommittee – which included Teton County, Wyoming Game and Fish, and other wildlife organizations – to help pinpoint locations and guide the design for any wildlife crossings included in the project. Currently, there are four

wildlife crossing features that have been constructed as part of the project. These features include an extension of the new bridge on the east side, two box culverts near the intersection, and a wildlife bridge on the west side of the new Snake River Bridge that was used by the bear. WYDOT, Teton County, and the Wyoming Wildlife Natural Resources

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Trust partnered in funding these four structures.

“This location was the highest priority in Teton County’s Wildlife Crossing Master Plan for wildlife and human safety,” said Teton County Public Works Project Manager Chris Colligan. “We’re thrilled to see the wildlife crossings being used successfully already.”

To help WYDOT fund more wildlife crossing projects, drivers can show their support by getting a wildlife conservation license plate, which has recently been redesigned. More information about the wildlife plate and how to apply can be found here: https://www.dot.state.wy.us/wildlife_plate

WYDOT and Teton County would like to remind travelers to do their part to reduce wildlife collisions by putting down distractions, paying attention to the roadway and being aware of their surroundings and potential animals on the road, especially near dawn and dusk.



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Wildlife plate info:



A bear recently used one of the new wildlife crossings available as part of the Snake River Bridge Replacement Project in Teton County.

Photo: Stephanie Harsha/WYDOT

Photo: Mick Farrell/WYDOT

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Legend

- I** **Interstate highway work zones:** Generally, there are no delays or detours. Travel may be narrowed to one lane (on pavement) each way and involve a reduced speed limit.
- P** **Two-lane road projects:** Motorists may be required to stop and wait to follow pilot cars. Usually, any delays are limited to 20 minutes or less and travel is on pavement.
- R** **Two-lane road projects:** At times, motorists may have to drive on gravel or another temporary surface, typically for two miles or less. Delays are limited, there are no detours unless specifically noted but there may be a pilot car.
- D** **District-wide projects:** Various locations, may involve reduced speeds.

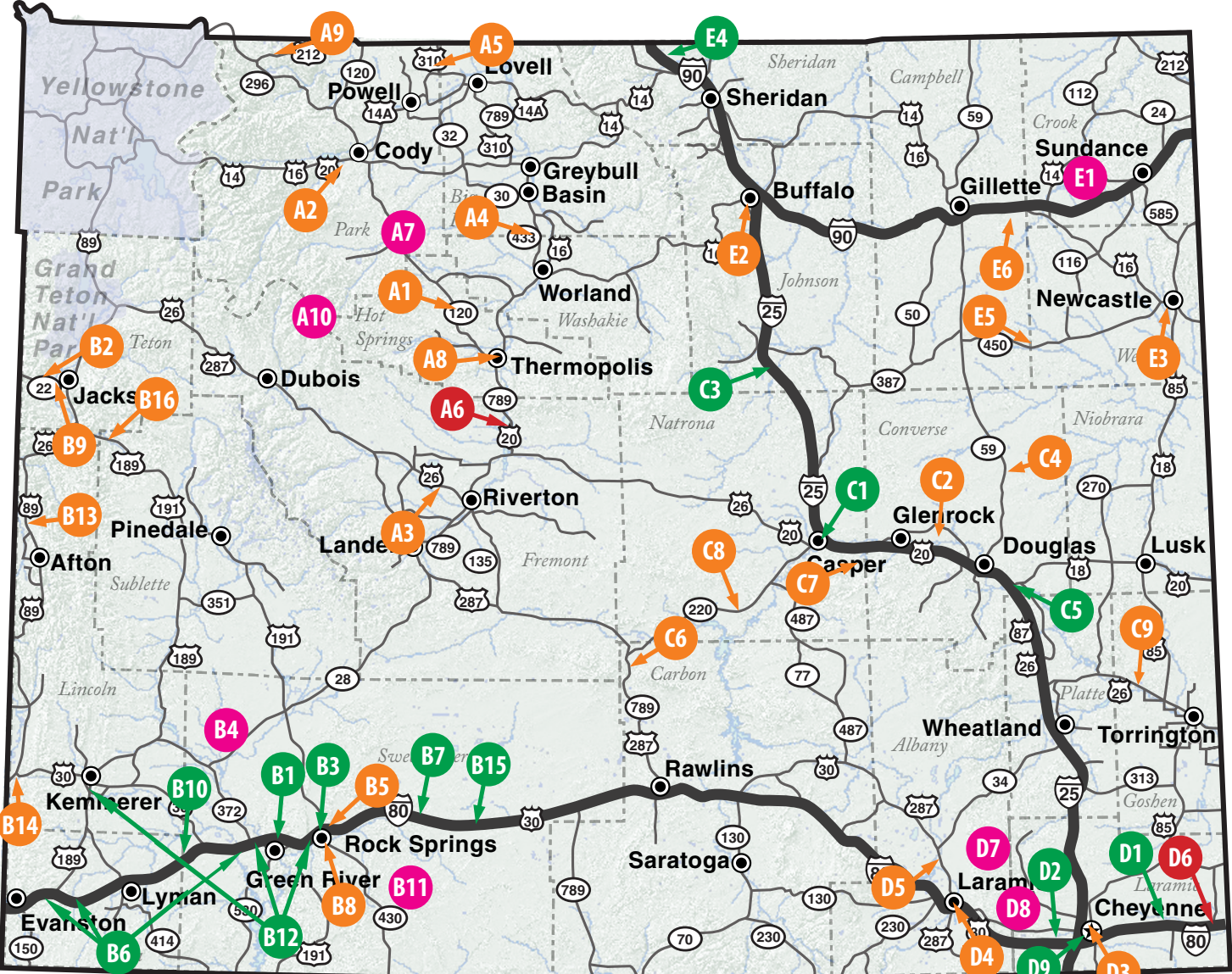
Not every project is listed Due to the unpredictable nature of the construction process, not all projects are active all the time. In addition, some short-term projects and smaller projects which disrupt traffic to a lesser degree are not listed. Completion dates are approximate.

Commercial vehicle operators. In work zones, size and weight restrictions may apply. Ask for details at any Wyoming port of entry or call (307) 777-4376. Current restrictions are also available on the Internet at www.wyroad.info/highway/restrictions.html.

Northwest Wyoming - A

- A1 Thermopolis-Meeteetse:** Pavement leveling, pavement overlay, chip sealing, minor slope flattening on 13.30 miles of WYO 120 at milepost 38.086 to milepost 51.385 in Meeteetse. Construction of turn lanes, slope flattening and ADA work from milepost 43.925 to milepost 51.385. Expect delays.
- A2 US 14/16/20:** Erosion repair, guardrail replacement MM 43.86-44.78. Construction of retaining wall west of MM 44.78. Paved driving surface. Heavy truck traffic from project west to MM 37.1. One-lane road with temporary traffic signals 24/7 with minor delays. 14-foot width restriction. No work Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day.
- A3 US 26:** Asphalt pavement surfacing, milling, chip sealing, traffic control on 5.71 miles of US 26 west of Riverton between MM 125-130.7. 20-minute traffic delays. Chip sealing in June. 12-foot width restriction.
- A4 WYO 433:** Asphalt pavement milling, overlay, chip sealing, grading on 7.90 miles beginning at MM 10.92 between Worland and Manderson. Expect delays.
- A5 US 310:** Slope flattening – Includes grading, fencing, seeding/erosion control, aggregate surfacing work on 7.50 miles at MM 242.42 between Deaver and the Montana state line. The contractor will be placing fills and seeding in May and June. Expect delays.
- A6 US 26/WYO 789:** Overlay/fencing, asphalt pavement surfacing, milling, chip sealing, fencing, traffic control on 14.5 miles of US 26/WYO 789 at MM 106.320 between Riverton and Shoshoni. Asphalt chip sealing between MM 106.320 and MM 106.53. Asphalt pavement milling, surfacing and chip sealing at MM 106.53. Asphalt pavement milling, surfacing and chip sealing end at MM 109.60. Paving and chip sealing to be complete by end of June. Fencing begins at MM 115.43 and continues through MM 126.84 near Shoshoni. Two-way traffic will follow a pilot car. Expect short delays.
- A7 D5 Bridge rehabilitation:** At various locations in District 5. Involving structure, traffic control, asphalt paving, seeding/erosion control, guard-rail, grading, milling, aggregate surfacing work. Locations – One bridge near Lovell on WYO 37, MM 1.24; two bridges near Byron on US 14A, MM

- 34.33, and MM 36.17; one near Powell on WYO 294, MM 0.30; and two bridges near Crowheart on US 26/287, MM 86.00 and MM 87.14. Expect delays and width restrictions.
- A8 Thermopolis Broadway Street and Bridge Restoration:** Deck replacement, substructure repair, painting, approach slab replacement, sidewalk repair, bridge rail, approach paving. Early june detour on Broadway Street routing traffic through Hot Springs State Park for East Thermopolis, businesses and residents, state park, dinosaur center and hospital access.
- A9 Chief Joseph Highway (WYO 296)-Swamp Lake Section:** Milling and pavement overlay, chip sealing, minor slope flattening of WYO 296 from milepost 0 (intersection of US 212 and WYO 296) extending 8.5 miles toward Cody to .86 mile southeast of Crandall Creek. Bridge rehabilitation on Crandall Creek bridge, replacement of a 60-inch CMP pipe southeast of Crandall Creek at MM 8.11. Bridge rehabilitation of the Dead Indian Creek bridge at milepost 25.08. Expect delays.
- A10 District 5 Chip Seal:** Park, Big Horn, Hot Springs and Fremont counties will see fog sealing and chip sealing (details below). Expect delays.
- US 14/16/20:** MM 27.470-MM 36.384, Yellowstone-Cody, Park County. Forest Boundary to Trout Creek.
- Wyoming 291:** MM 0.117-MM 9.387, South Fork Highway, Park County.
- US 14:** MM 19.363-MM 26.700, Shell to Burgess Junction, Big Horn County. Mouth of canyon to Shell Falls.
- US 14A:** MM 55.430-MM 69.750, Lovell to Burgess Junction, Big Horn County. Railroad crossing to first switchback.
- US 20/WYO 789:** MM 108.716-MM 116.120, Shoshoni to Thermopolis, Fremont County. Middle of Boysen Reservoir to the tunnels.
- US 20/WYO 789:** MM 128.232-MM 130.772, Shoshoni to Thermopolis, Hot Springs County. Big Horn River to WYDOT.



Southwest Wyoming - B

- B1 I-80 Green River tunnels:** Mile marker 90.2 Traffic control, head-to-head traffic in the eastbound tunnel for westbound tunnel repairs.
- B2 Big Fill Slide:** landslide repair at mile marker 12.8 on WYO 22. Continuation of last season's project.
- B3 Rock Springs/I-80 Interchange Rd.:** Replace/reconstruct interchange; 0.81 miles.
- B4 Contract patch in various locations:** Lincoln, Uinta, Sweetwater Counties. Bituminous surfacing, milling, traffic control and other work.
- B5 Rock Springs "N" Street:** Bridge replacement over Bitter Creek.
- B6 District 3 Bridge Rehab:** Rehabilitation work on structure over UPRR on WYO 374 at MM 82.67 and on two structures on I-80 at MM 10.68 (EBL) and MM 15.64 (EBL).
- B7 Rock Springs-Rawlins (Point of Rocks East):** MM 130-138 construction of slip ramps and minor shoulder paving for EBL & WBL milling and 4-inch paving and minor bridge work.
- B8 Rock Springs Streets (WYO 376):** Concrete slab replacement and repair and asphalt shoulder work on south belt loop.
- B9 Jackson-Wilson Rd. (Snake River Bridge):** Bridge replacement, grading, traffic control, surfacing, bituminous, concrete surfacing, fencing on 1.80 miles on WYO 22, WYO 390 between Jackson and Wilson Rd.
- B10 I-80 Evanston-Green River (County Line East) project:** MM 57-65.44 milling, paving in both EBL and WBL, pipe replacement, culvert lining. Portions under traffic and then traffic switched head-to-head to opposite direction.
- B11 District 3 High Mast lighting upgrade:** Replacing existing 120 ft. high mast lighting with 80 ft. high masts from Evanston to Wamsutter.

- B12 District 3 Slab Replacement:** Concrete slab replacement and repair at I-80 MM 88.92 (EBL), I-80 MM 101.72 (WBL), US 189 MM 35.67 in Diamondville, and US 30 Connector MM 54.22 in Kemmerer.
- B13 Strawberry Creek Roadway Realignment:** Asphalt paving, grading, aggregate surfacing, traffic control, stormwater drainage, fencing and chip seal work on 0.70 mile on CR 126 (Strawberry Creek Road) in Lincoln County.
- B14 Right of way fencing:** replacement on US 30 and WYO 89 beginning at mile marker 54.90 between Idaho state line and Sage Junction
- B15 Patrick Draw:** Bridge rehab involving asphalt paving, grading and traffic control and guard-rail on approximately 10.80 miles on I-80 beginning at MM 143 between Rock Springs and Rawlins.
- B16 Bridge rehab US 189/191:** bridge rehab involving structures, traffic control, asphalt paving, guardrail and seeding and erosion control work US 189/191 MM 153.7 and WYO 353 MM 6.7.

Northeast Wyoming - E

- E1 Various bridge rehabilitation projects:** I-90 – 154.35 WBL (Moorcroft); I-90 – 135.41 EBL and WBL (Between Gillette and Moorcroft) will be starting in June. I-90 – 128.09 EBL and WBL (Gillette); and US 16 – 248.7 (Newcastle).
- E2 US 16/87:** Buffalo Main Street and I-25 / I-90 Business Loop. Mill and overlay MM 298.02 to 301.34.
- E3 US 16 Bypass:** Railroad bridge rehab – MM 248.70.

- E4 I-90:** Westbound, MM 0-8. mill and overlay with bridge replacement, bridge repair and slide repair. Two-way head-to-head traffic in the eastbound lane.
- E5 WYO 450:** MM 32-45, mill and overlay.
- E6 WYO 51:** Mill and overlay MM 136-143, 12-foot width restriction.

Central Wyoming - C

- C1 I-25:** Five bridge replacements. Surfacing and other work between MM 189-190. Affects both NB and SB lanes. Work is continuing from last season.
- C2 WYO 95:** Surfacing and bridge rehabilitation between MM 1.69-7.65.
- C3 I-25:** Mill, level, overlay, bridge rehabilitation – southbound lanes between MM 244-253.
- C4 WYO 59:** Mill and overlay; structure rehabilitation and other work on 7.70 miles beginning at MM 19.30 north of Douglas in the Lightning Creek area.

- C5 I-25:** District 2 Bridge rehabilitation on I-25 at Orin Junction.
- C6 US 287:** Mill and overlay between MM 33-44.77.
- C7 WYO 253:** Bridge replacement at MM 2.78 (Dry Muddy Creek).
- C8 WYO 220:** Bridge rehabilitation at MM 85.81 (Casper Canal).
- C9 US 26 (Goshen County):** Overlay, chip seal and ADA upgrades between milepost 20 - 28.

Southeast Wyoming - D

- D1 I-80:** Near Burns at MM 382.15-393.40. Concrete slab repair, an asphalt wearing course, and six bridge replacements.
- D2 I-80/Wagonhound:** WB section, MM 258.9-267.19. Project includes mill and overlay. Wagonhound Rest Area will be closed beginning in June. Access to the Wick/Beumee Wildlife Habitat Management Area will remain open.
- D3 Warren Ave:** Phase II from 24th Street to Pershing Blvd. in Cheyenne. Project includes a mill and overlay.
- D4 US 287/3rd Street in Laramie:** Mill and overlay, ADA upgrades and intersection improvements, traffic signal replacements from Curtis St. to Boswell Dr. The Spring Creek bridge will also be replaced.
- D5 US 30/287:** North of Laramie near MM 318. Pete Lien will be placing a rail spur to their facility. A detour will be in place during the project.

- D6 Pine Bluffs/US 30:** from MM 401.76-403.02. Work includes culvert cleaning, installing inlets, widening shoulders and finishing the new railroad crossing on Butler Ave. Crews will also mill and overlay the workzone. A 12-foot width restriction is in place. During milling and paving operations, traffic should anticipate flagger and pilot car operations.
- D7 Bridge rehabilitation:** Various locations along I-80.
- D8 D1 High Mast lighting upgrade:** Various locations across the district.
- D9 D1 slab replacements:** Crews replace concrete pavement and upgrade ADA at the intersection of College Drive and 12th Street. Detours will be in place for this portion. Crews will then move to the I-25 Missile Drive NB on-ramp. This ramp will be closed for the duration and detours will be in place. A lane closure on I-25 northbound from roughly RM 10.56-10.77 and a 14-foot width restriction will be in place, while crews work near I-25.

