APPENDIX J:

[WILDLIFE PROTECTION RESOURCES]
WILDLIFE PROTECTION RESOURCES IN TETON COUNTY

The issue of wildlife vehicle conflicts (WVCs) and the impact of roadways on wildlife corridors is not a new topic in Teton County. An abundance of data and resources are available at the County’s disposal from past research on wildlife movements, WVC causality/trends, WVC hotspots and potential WVC mitigation strategies and solutions in Teton County. The County and WYDOT would best advance wildlife protection measures in the key corridors identified in Chapter 4 of the Integrated Transportation Plan (ITP) by utilizing existing scientific-based research when designing wildlife crossing and planning for wildlife permeability along each corridor. Existing resources at the County’s disposal include, but are not limited to:

- A Natural Resources Overlay (NRO) map and dataset from the Comprehensive Plan

- The Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation, which maintains an active dataset of WVCs in Teton County through their Nature Mapping Project.

- The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance, a local, prominent advocacy group promoting wildlife protection among other goals

- A 2013 study titled, “Mule Deer Movement and Habitat Use Patterns in Relation to Roadways in Northwest Wyoming,” by the Conservation Research Center at Teton Science Schools.
