

WYOMING'S STRATEGY FOR MANAGING MIGRATION CORRIDORS AND THEIR HABITATS



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2016 Ungulate Migration Corridor Strategy

- Recommend no declines in species distribution or abundance
- Outlined the process for designating corridors
- Provided direction on assessing risks, opportunities and public outreach
- Provided guidance on land use recommendations
- Support for a science and data driven process



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2016 First Corridor Designated: Sublette Mule Deer

- 131 Deer and 319 migration sequences
- Numerous public meetings and landowner outreach
- Baggs and Platte Valley Mule Deer Corridors followed in 2018



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2019 Governor Gordon's Wildlife Migration Advisory Group

- Major Stakeholders Represented: Energy (Oil and Gas, Mining), Agriculture, Recreation, Sportsmen, Conservation Groups, local government and Wyoming Game and Fish Commission
- Developed recommendations to ensure migrations while continuing to build strong energy and agricultural industries



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2020 Governor's Executive Order: Wyoming Mule Deer and Antelope Migration Corridor Protection

- Recognizes that corridors are essential to maintain viable mule deer and antelope populations valued by people and contribute to Wyoming's economy and reputation
- Recognized this EO is Wyoming's strategy for managing designated migration corridors
- Private land and local governments play important role; private lands are not impacted by regulations but encouraged to consult with Wyoming Game and Fish Department
- Multiple use will continue to occur where corridors exist

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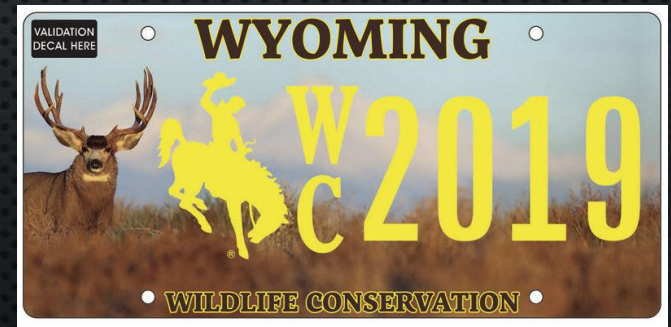
- Recognized 3 Designated Corridors
- Established process to designate future corridors
- Activities (surface disturbance or recreation) requiring state-issued permits need to demonstrate functionality of the corridor will be maintained
- Directs WYDOT and partners to develop highway crossing projects to avoid, minimize and mitigate collisions and support connectivity



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Wyoming Wildlife Crossing Initiative

- Completed projects including Togwotee Pass, Nugget Canyon, Baggs, Trappers Point and South Jackson
- Currently Planning: Dry Piney, Dubois, Jackson and Kaycee
- Future Planning: I-80 at Halleck Ridge, South Kemmerer
- License Plate Initiative





<https://wgfd.wyo.gov/Wildlife-in-Wyoming/Migration>

