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Jackson South Highway Expansion Coming

Roads and highways might be the most overlooked part of the Jackson Hole landscape when it comes to private development, wildlife impacts and human safety. A large chunk of the state road system in Teton County is being proposed for expansion in the upcoming years.

The section of Highway 89 from the end of the existing 5-lane south to Hoback Junction is the next project on the Wyoming Department of Transportation's list. State highway officials say that an environmental impact statement will be released in May that has had a 5-lane alternative as the WYDOT preference. The Jackson Hole Conservation Alliance will be looking at this study and how this highway expansion will impact our community character and our unique wildlife habitat. Human safety is the highest concern for this road, but WYDOT's draft EIS claimed that just the most basic improvements would correct those existing deficiencies. This community has been asking for solutions that can improve human safety and be in harmony with wildlife and community character. Will WYDOT listen?

Please look for this document and contact the Alliance if you need further information.

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