

**Teton County, WY and Teton County, ID  
Board of Commissioners**

**Workshop Agenda**

**Tuesday, November 12, 2013, Noon  
200 S. Willow, Jackson, WY  
(Commissioners' Chambers)**

Check-in Items:

1. Renew Ambulance & Dispatch Services Contracts—Keith Gingery
2. Regional Recycling Update (see attached)—Sean O'Malley
3. Mosquito Abatement Agreement for Common Borders--talks between staff (Teton County, ID and WY) underway and working on a MOU.

Discussions and Updates:

1. Search & Rescue—Sheriff Whalen
2. Road Issues—Stateline Road and Leigh Creek
3. Public Transportation—START—Michael Wackerly
4. Pathways—Teton Pass
5. Comprehensive Plan and LDR

## AMBULANCE SERVICES CONTRACT

This agreement made and entered into this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014, by and between the County of Teton, a duly organized county of the State of Wyoming, of P. O. Box 727, Jackson, Wyoming 83001, hereinafter referred to as "the County", and the Teton County Ambulance Service District, a duly organized ambulance district in the State of Idaho, of 150 Courthouse Drive, Driggs, Idaho 83422, hereinafter referred to as "the District," both of whom understand and agree as follows:

### WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Teton County, Wyoming Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "Board", to provide ambulance services to the Teton County Wyoming lands adjacent to Idaho on the West side of the Tetons; and

WHEREAS, the County desires to contract the services of the District for ambulance services in the adjacent Wyoming area on the West side of the Tetons; and

WHEREAS, the District desires to provide ambulance services to the adjacent Wyoming area on the West side of the Tetons,

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

#### 1. AMBULANCE SERVICE CONTRACT PROVISIONS

- (a) The District will respond to calls for emergency medical services occurring in adjacent Wyoming areas on the West Side of the Tetons.
- (b) In consideration of the ambulance services given to the Wyoming area, the County agrees to pay the District for all services rendered hereunder, the payment called for herein. It is understood that the District may charge fees for service to Wyoming patients transported by their ambulances and that those fees collected shall be controlled and used by the District to support the ambulance system. Patient billing shall be the responsibility of the District.
- (c) It is further understood and agreed that for and in consideration of the monies paid by the County pursuant to this contract the District shall defend, indemnify and hold harmless the County for any and all liability, causes of action and damages, malpractice, loss or expense incurred by the District arising out of the District's operations including any loss or damage to or expenses incurred in the operation of apparatus or other equipment belonging to the District and the cost of any materials used in connection with any call for assistance.

- (d) The District, as owner of the apparatus and equipment to be used in answering calls for assistance in the Wyoming area, agrees that it will assume full responsibility for injuries to persons or property or deaths resulting from negligence in the operations of any such apparatus or equipment while answering any such calls, and will obtain liability insurance for its vehicle and equipment. Each year that this contract is renewed, the District shall provide the County with a Certificate of Insurance evidencing the existence of such insurance. If the District ever cancels or fails to renew their policy, they shall immediately notify the County.
- (e) It is expressly understood and agrees that the number of Emergency Medical Technicians and the nature of apparatus and equipment dispatched in answer to calls, the manner of providing care, and other operations at the scene of a medical emergency, accident or other incident to which the District is called, are matters within the judgment of Teton Valley Health Care's EMS Director and Medical Staff or other officers of the ambulance service who may be in charge at the time. The District shall maintain a current State of Wyoming Ambulance License.
- (f) The District shall immediately notify the Chief of Jackson Hole Fire/EMS or the assigned Duty Officer of any mass casualty incident to which the District responds within Wyoming. A mass casualty incident is any incident in which emergency medical services personnel and equipment at the scene are overwhelmed by the number and severity of casualties at that incident.
- (g) The District shall provide Jackson Hole Fire/EMS with all incident reports generated for calls within the Wyoming area, for all patients that originate in Teton County, Wyoming, in order to allow Jackson Hole Fire/EMS to complete required State of Wyoming reporting. Such reports shall be submitted not more than thirty (30) days from the date of service, but not more than ten (10) days from the date of service upon direct request by the County. Such reports may be in the form of a standard Patient Care Report, or shall provide adequate information to complete such reports.
- (h) The County understands that the District contracts with Teton Valley Health Care which provides all the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) and ambulance services for the District. Accordingly, Teton Valley Health Care is responsible for all regulatory compliance issues, including all reporting requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) of 1996. The District shall be identified as a HIPAA Covered Entity and shall comply with the HIPAA Business Associate Agreement that they have provided to Teton County Wyoming EMS. In return, the Teton County Wyoming EMS will be the business associate and must comply with any HIPAA/HITEC requirements wherein protected health information is shared.

- (i) It is hereby mutually covenanted and agreed that the relation of the District to the services to be performed by it under this contract shall be that of an independent contractor.
- (j) Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this contract shall be deemed to have been inserted herein. If any such provision is not inserted through mistake or otherwise, then upon the application of either party, this contract shall be physically amended.
- (k) The District shall at all times comply with all applicable laws, statutes, codes, rules and regulations of the State of Wyoming while in performance of this contract.

## 2. TERMINATION AND TERM

- (a) For the purpose of this agreement, termination shall occur when:
  - i. The Teton County Wyoming Board of County Commissioners votes to terminate the Contract at a duly authorized public meeting.
  - ii. The Teton County Idaho Ambulance Service District Board votes to terminate the Contract at a duly authorized public meeting.
  - iii. In the event that either party seeks to terminate this contract, a minimum of sixty (60) days written notice to the parties shall be provided unless the parties agree otherwise.
- (b) The term of this agreement shall be one (1) year.
- (c) Unless written notice of a desire to terminate this agreement is given by either party at least ninety (90) days prior to the termination date as provided herein, this agreement shall be extended on the same terms and conditions herein provided, for an additional period of one year. A new contract must be executed every two years.

3. PAYMENT. The County agrees to make an annual payment to the District for services rendered. The amount will be calculated by pro-rating the District's Annual Operating Expenses according to the percent of runs made to Wyoming. By March 31 each year, the District shall provide an invoice and signed voucher to Jackson Hole Fire/EMS for the annual amount due. The County understands that the District's Annual Operating Cost represents the net expenses after offset by ambulance revenue. The County also understands that the District is unable to determine the exact cost per specific ambulance run or the amount of ambulance revenue generated by Wyoming patients vs. Idaho patients. Operational costs shall be defined as payroll, fuel, supplies, insurance, equipment and consumable expenses. Fixed asset purchases or depreciation shall not be included as operational costs.

4. NOTICES. Notices pursuant to this agreement shall be given by personal delivery or through certified mail of the United States Postal Services, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

For the County: Teton County Fire/EMS  
Teton County, Wyoming  
P. O. Box 901  
Jackson, WY 83001

For the District: Teton County Ambulance Service District  
150 Courthouse Drive  
Driggs, ID 83422

Notices shall be deemed given as of the date of personal service or written evidence of the execution of return receipt in the course of transmission through the United States Postal Service.

5. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

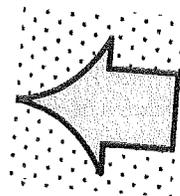
- (a) This agreement constitutes the complete understanding of the parties. No modifications of any provisions thereof shall be valid unless in writing and signed by both parties.
- (b) No waiver of any breach of any condition of the agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the party waiving said breach. No such waiver shall in any way affect any other term or condition of this agreement or constitute a cause or excuse for a repetition of such or any other breach unless the waiver shall include the same.
- (c) This agreement shall become effective commencing January 1, 2014.
- (d) If any provision, or any portion thereof contained in this agreement is held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement, or portion thereof, shall be deemed severable, and shall be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Dated 10-15-13

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Paul Vogelheim, Chair

Kelly Park  
Kelly Park, Chair



ATTEST:

## DISPATCH SERVICES CONTRACT

This agreement made and entered into this 1<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2014, by and between the County of Teton, a duly organized county of the State of Wyoming, of P.O. Box 1727, Jackson, Wyoming 83001, hereinafter referred to as "TC, Wyoming," and the County of Idaho, a duly organized county of the State of Idaho, of 150 Courthouse Drive, Driggs, Idaho 83422, hereinafter referred to as "TC, Idaho," both of whom understand and agree as follows:

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Teton County, Wyoming Board of County Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as the "Wyoming Board," to provide dispatch services to the Teton County Wyoming lands adjacent to Idaho on the West side of the Tetons; and

WHEREAS, the Wyoming Board desires to contact TC, Idaho for dispatch services in the adjacent Wyoming area on the West side of the Tetons; and

WHEREAS, TC, Idaho desires to provide such dispatch services,  
NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants herein contained, the parties agree as follows:

1. DISPATCH SERVICE CONTRACT PROVISIONS
  - a. TC, Idaho dispatchers will answer 911 calls made from Wyoming land adjacent to Idaho on the West side of the Tetons.
  - b. In consideration of the dispatch services given to the Wyoming area, the Wyoming Board agrees to pay TC, Idaho as described in Paragraph #3.
  - c. Its is mutually covenanted and agreed that the relation of TC, Idaho to the services to be performed by it under this contract shall be that of an independent contractor.
  - d. Each and every provision of law and clause required by law to be inserted in this contract shall be deemed to have been inserted herein. If any such provision is not inserted through mistake or otherwise, then upon the application of either party, this contract shall be physically amended.

## 2. TERMINATION AND TERM

a. For the purpose of this agreement, termination shall occur when:

- i. They Wyoming Board votes to terminate the Contract at a duly authorized public meeting.
  - ii. The Teton County, Idaho Board of County Commissioners votes to terminate the Contract at a duly authorized public meeting.
  - iii. In the even that either party seek to terminate this contract, a minimum of 60 days written notice to the parties shall be provided, unless the parties agree otherwise.
- b. The term of this agreement shall be one (1) year.
- c. Unless written notice of a desire to terminate this agreement is given by either party at least ninety (90) days prior to the termination date as provided herein, this agreement shall be extended on the same terms and conditions herein provided, for an additional period of one (1) year. A new contract must be executed every two (2) years.

## 3. PAYMENT

TC, Wyoming agrees to pay TC, Idaho once a year for services rendered. The amount due will be calculated by subtracting all E911 surcharge revenues from the annual dispatch expenses and then pro-rating the resulting net dispatch expenses according to the percent of calls made from the Wyoming area adjacent to Idaho on the West side of the Tetons. By March 31<sup>st</sup> each year, TC, Idaho shall provide an invoice and signed voucher to Jackson Hole Fire/EMS for the annual amount due. The invoice will be paid prior to July each year. Annual dispatch expenses shall include payroll, supplies, insurance, equipment, maintenance and consumable expenses. Fixed asset purchases or depreciation shall not be included as operational expenses.

## 4. NOTICES

Notices pursuant to this agreement shall be given by personal delivery or through certified mail of the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid and addressed as follows:

For TC, Wyoming  
Teton County Fire/EMS  
Teton County, Wyoming  
P.O. Box 90, Jackson, WY 83001

For TC, Idaho  
Teton County Idaho  
150 Courthouse Drive, Driggs, Idaho 83422

Notices shall be deemed given as of the date of personal serviced or written evidence of the execution of return receipt through the United States Postal Service.

## 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- a. This agreement constitutes the complete understanding of the parties. No modification of any provisions thereof shall be valid unless in writing and sign de by both parties.
- b. No waiver of any breath of any condition of the agreement shall be binding unless in writing and signed by the party waiving said breach. No such waiver shall in any way affect any other term or condition of this agreement or constitute a cause or excuse for a repetition of such or any other breach unless the waiver shall include the same.
- c. This agreement formalizes the verbal understanding which has been in effect for several years.
- d. If any provisions, or any portion thereof contained in this agreement is held unconstitutional, invalid, or unenforceable, the remainder of this agreement, or portion thereof, shall be deemed severable, and shall be affected and shall remain in full force and effect.

TETON COUNTY, WYOMING

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Paul Vogelheim, Chair

ATTEST:

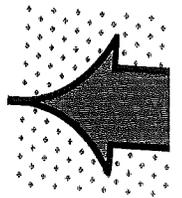
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Sherry Daigle  
Teton County, Wyoming Clerk

TETON COUNTY, IDAHO

*Kelly C. Park*  
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Kelly Park, Chair

ATTEST:

*Mary Lou Hansen*  
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Mary Lou Hansen  
Teton County, Idaho Clerk



Heather Overholser, Division Chief  
Teton County Integrated Solid Waste and Recycling  
P.O. Box 9088 Jackson, WY 83002  
307-733-7678 or 307-732-5766 (direct)  
[www.tetonwyo.org/recycling](http://www.tetonwyo.org/recycling)

Following is an update on the Yellowstone Business Partnership's Regional Recycling feasibility study. Thus far, the consultants (LBA Associates from Denver) have narrowed down the options to four of which they will assess the feasibility. Their plan is to have the study complete by the end of next summer. If you need more info or would like me to attend your meeting next Monday, please let me know.

Alternative #1a – Quantitative modeling of

- Regional single-stream Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) (including glass)
- Serving the Western GYC (WGYC) counties
- Reaching markets by (contract) truck haul

Alternative #2a – Quantitative modeling of

- Regional single-stream MRF (including glass)
- Serving the WGYC plus the greater ID area (Bannock, Jefferson, Clark & Bonneville Counties)
- Reaching markets by (contract) truck haul – also straight estimate of operating costs (only) for rail haul

Alternatives #1b/#2b – Estimate of capital & operating cost impacts of managing glass separate from the single-stream (mix of quantitative & qualitative discussion)

Alternative #3 – Quantitative modeling of

- Regional dual-stream MRF (including glass) – i.e., separate fiber and container streams
- Serving the WGYC counties
- Reaching markets by (contract) truck haul

*All alternatives to assume:*

- *Facilities with 15-year life (i.e., 2030)*
- *Located in general area of Idaho Falls*
- *Market location/revenues to be researched based on current used/earned by Teton Counties, ID/WY & Four Corners Recycling in Bozeman*
- *Expanded list of materials if stakeholders' current markets accept now & or expect to in near future (plastics 1-7, paperboard, etc.)*

Alternative #4 – Regional Solid Waste Organization

- Research & recommendations for multi-county/multi-city/town org to support regional MRF as previously noted

2711 East, 5000 North  
Tetonia, ID 83452

8 August, 2013

Teton County Wyoming Board of Commissioners  
200 South Willow  
PO Box 3594  
Jackson, WY 83001

Dear County Commissioners,

I am writing to express my concern relative to plans to extend Stateline Road from 5000 North across South Leigh Creek attaching it to 6000 North along the common Idaho/Wyoming border in the Alta area.

While I understand the position taken by a small handful of residents living in Alta, north of South Leigh Creek, the benefits derived by both the Wyoming and Idaho communities by leaving the stretch of road as it is without the major planned 'improvements' far outweighs any perceived benefit to the small number of residents whose only desire seems to be a more direct route to accessing Grand Targhee Resort and delivering children to the Alta Elementary School.

These few residents were well aware of the travel constraints in that part of the valley when they purchased property and chose to purchase regardless of any impediment to their daily travel. Also, I believe that parents of Alta school children are eligible for 'isolation pay' to cover some of their transportation costs.

The current farm road provides many hours of enjoyment and recreational opportunities to both Wyoming and Idaho community members many of whom feel, as I do, that it should remain unimproved and stay in place as a prime recreational corridor providing hours of pleasure and enjoyment in terms of walking/hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snow mobiling and horseback riding.

In addition, the South Leigh Creek corridor is a very sensitive area that you should be aware of. It is one of the few remaining habitats for Yellowstone cutthroat trout and would certainly be compromised by bridge construction. Additionally there would be serious impact upon the surrounding wetlands and woodlands that support and protect the numerous species of wildlife in this area. They include the often sighted cougar, bear, moose, deer, elk, fox, sandhill cranes and abundant bird varieties.

As a property owner who resides at 5000 North and Stateline road, I would implore the County to consider the impact of destroying a well-loved and much-used recreational corridor to aid a few residents in Alta who realistically suffer no significant hardship.

Aside from the major expense of such road and bridge construction it is incumbent upon you as leaders of the community to weigh the cost – benefit of such a project. I am confident that such a cost – benefit analysis will clearly show the advantages of leaving the corridor “as is” and that the number of citizens who derive the most benefit and pleasure are not the relative few who have been lobbying for major, expensive road construction, but rather, numerous individuals and families who currently utilize that corridor for their recreational pursuits, away from traffic and heavy vehicular use.

I, and my neighbors in Wyoming and Idaho, would like to be kept informed and notified of any meetings, discussions and plans regarding this topic. We all feel directly impacted by your decisions and would like input into the decision making process.

Respectfully,

Prudence Blake

e-m [pru.ablake@live.com](mailto:pru.ablake@live.com)

PO Box 1057, Driggs, ID 83422

Cc: County Attorney; Keith Gingery  
Email: [kmgingery@tetonwyo.org](mailto:kmgingery@tetonwyo.org)

August 19, 2013

County Commissioners  
Teton County Clerk's Office  
PO Box 1727, Jackson WY 83001

RE: North Stateline Road Extension Proposal

To Whom It May Concern:

Due to a serious illness, we are unable to attend the Teton County; Wyoming Commissioner's meeting on August 20, 2013 and personally participate in the public discussion of the North Stateline Road extension. Therefore we hope that this letter will convey our opinion and concerns about the above referenced proposal.

We are opposed to the building of a bridge over South Leigh Creek and the extension of North Stateline Road. We feel that it would interrupt an important wildlife corridor. Our land is adjacent to the proposed road on the Wyoming side. We regularly see wildlife such as bear, elk, deer, moose and Hungarian Partridge on our property. Traffic generated by the public road and the bridge would disrupt the wildlife movement.

In addition, opening of this road would encroach upon our privacy. When we purchased the land and built our home, we were told that this lane had been abandoned for further development. In fact, there was a sign posted stating that no county maintenance was delivered beyond this point.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Jean & Jim Crabtree  
2760 N. Stateline Road  
Alta, Wyoming 83414

Email: jnjcrabby@yahoo.com

## Dawn Felchle

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**From:** Bouma/Emge @ Creek Dance Ranch <creekdanceranch@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 09, 2013 10:06 AM  
**To:** County Commissioners  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed Stateline Road Extension

Date: Wed, 7 Aug 2013 13:47:50 -0700  
From: [creekdanceranch@yahoo.com](mailto:creekdanceranch@yahoo.com)  
Subject: Fw: Proposed Stateline Road Extension  
To: Commissioners

Dear Commissioners,

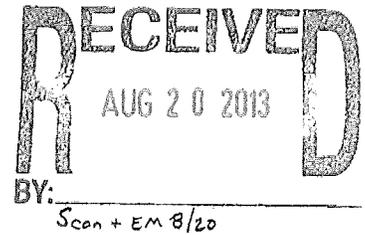
I am sending this note to inform you that I, as a resident on 5000 N near the Stateline/South Leigh area referenced in these notes, am in complete agreement with Ms. Blake's letter to you regarding the proposal to extend and improve Stateline Rd. north of 5000 N in the Alta, WY area.

Although I do use the region for skiing and riding, I realize full well that there are numerous other areas in which to pursue these activities. My primary concern about this plan is the impact it would have on an extremely sensitive habitat for threatened wildlife and other animals and birds in that area, which were enumerated in Ms. Blake's note. As a member of The National Audubon Society and a participant in the winter bird count which has that exact area as my responsibility, I can assure you of the numerous species of birds that winter there, including the great gray owl. The creek, the massive trees, the underbrush that furnishes berries for food, the meadows, and even the open dirt road that currently exists, are all beneficial and necessary to the survival of all of the mammal, aquatic, and bird species found there.

My hope is that you will carefully review this plan and from both an environmental and an economic standpoint conclude that it would not be beneficial to proceed with any upgrades to the existing dirt road.

Thank you,  
Pamela Emge

Teton County Wyoming Board of Commissioners  
200 South Willow  
PO Box 3594  
Jackson, WY 83001



Dear County Commissioners,

I would like to express my deep concern in regard to the plans to extend Stateline Road from 5000 North across South Leigh Creek connecting to 6000 North along the common Idaho/Wyoming border in the Alta, Wyoming area.

The considerable cost of the project and the maintenance thereafter could not possibly warrant the loss of a beautiful secluded naturally forested area with a "cutthroat carrying" creek, hiking trails, snowmobiling, cross-country skiing trails, birdwatching, and seclusion from traffic and people.

Of major concern is the amount of additional traffic that would be using Stateline Road which is a very dangerous road to travel as is. Other costly improvements would need to be made to parts of Stateline Road North of 2500 North to make it safe.

A small group of residents who live in Alta, north of South Leigh Creek would like to see this road extended for easier and quicker access to Grand Targhee Ski Resort and for getting children to the Alta Elementary School. I feel that these few people, who knew that this road wasn't an option when they bought their properties, and knew at the time that they purchased their properties that there was only one way in and out, would not be benefitted enough to justify the major cost of the planned improvements, the traffic impact on Stateline Road and other roads south of 5000 North, and the serious impact on the wetlands and forest and creek that supports and protects, elk, moose, deer, cougar, bear, fox, sandhill cranes, to name a few.

These people suffer no real hardship, but would like more convenience and that convenience of having Stateline Road extended would, in my opinion be very harmful to the area and its residents.

As a property owner who lives on Indian Ridge Road on the Idaho side of Stateline Road just South of 5000 North, I would like to implore the County Commissioners to leave the corridor "as is". I hope that after studying the cost versus benefit that the conclusion will be that the "as is" will benefit more people than the huge cost of bridge and road construction that would benefit relatively few people who are lobbying for this.

Sincerely,  
Diane Kinzie

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Diane Kinzie".

email: [dianekinzie@hotmail.com](mailto:dianekinzie@hotmail.com)

**From:** Chi Melville [mailto:chi@melvilleIT.com]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2013 9:41 AM  
**To:** commissioners@tetonwyo.org  
**Cc:** Sean O'Malley; Dave Gustafson; Dick Weinbrandt; Geordie Gillett; Jay Pence; Kathy Rinaldi; Jay Mazalewski; Mike Polhamus; Dawn Felchle  
**Subject:** State Line Road Questions

FYI - Wyoming Mtg.

State Line Road – Letter to Teton County Wyoming Commissioners

I read in the Jackson Hole Daily that the commissioners are talking about extending State Line Road north over South Leigh Creek. The story mentions that the project would cost about a million dollars with the county's share being a 9.5% match – or roughly \$95,000. As a 25 year Alta resident, my question is, would this be a good use of taxpayer funds and resources?

#### The history of State Line Road

There's been a shared maintenance agreement for State Line Road for a number of years, 20+ I believe, between the two Teton Counties, Wyoming and Idaho. From my understanding, Idaho is responsible for the section south of Ski Hill Road and Wyoming to the north.

The Idaho section has had little work done on it over the years. The first mile and a half are still gravel but they do apply dust guard. The next couple of miles have an old chip seal on it without a good road base so it often has areas that break up, and Idaho has patched those as needed.

The Wyoming section also was an old road without a good road base until the county began improving it 8-10 years ago. Former county engineer Craig Jackson told me they were spending about \$200,000 per mile on it as the county rebuilt roughly 4 miles of it, from Ski Hill Road to 5000 North. The county also paved the first ¾ mile to 2500 North and subsequently chip sealed it. Added up, Teton County Wyoming has already spent close to a million dollars on the road over the past 10 years.

It's clear that Teton County Wyoming has more than met their obligation to the cross county agreement, considering you've already spent about a million dollars on your portion of the road while Teton County Idaho has spent very little.

Who would the South Leigh extension serve? It seems that extending the road would mostly serve Idaho residents as the Galloway Hills subdivision in Idaho is quite a bit larger than the Forest Edge subdivision in Wyoming, plus many Idaho residents in the north end of Teton Valley would likely use the road. There are also some large landowners on the Wyoming side who would use the road, but since their property taxes are based on low agricultural rates, the bulk of the cost of the bridge/road would be paid by us residential Teton County Wyoming tax payers.

As a long time Alta taxpayer, I feel the county should make road improvements where the tax base is. In Alta, that's primarily in Targhee Town and down Alta North Road – both those roads are currently gravel/dust guard and pot hole quickly after rainy weather and should be paved. Spending roughly \$95,000 to serve a relatively few Wyoming residents is not good use of taxpayer funds. You could probably pave the roads in Alta that really need it for that amount.

Sincerely,

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Microsoft Certified Partner  
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307.353.8530 (work)  
208-351-8530 (cell)

**Dawn Felchle**

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**Subject:** FW: North Stateline Road, Alta, WY

**From:** Joy Sawyer Mulligan [<mailto:jsmulligan@thacher.org>]

**Sent:** Monday, August 05, 2013 9:43 AM

**To:** County Commissioners

**Subject:** North Stateline Road, Alta, WY

August 5, 2013

Dear Commissioners Allen, Ellis, Phibbs, Turley and Vogelheim:

We are residents of Alta, WY, and are deeply concerned about the proposed road extension of North Stateline Road.

First, this undeveloped/unimproved section is a wetland teeming with wildlife of all kinds. The stretch is also an area utilized actively by hikers and mountain bikers.

A reality of "improved roads": when Stateline Road to 5000 North was widened, it created a veritable highway out of what was once a tractor path. Many cars and trucks of all kinds heading north on Stateline now--at about two miles in--roar straight past the posted 25 mph, s-curve warning sign to blast up the hill, there to continue at inordinate speeds. No one is ever out here to enforce the speed limit, despite this being an area of both wildlife crossings and horseback riders. There have been several derailments at just this part of the road.

Second, the expense of a road through is disproportionate to the number of people positively affected--especially when balanced against those negatively affected. When Mr. Gingery calls the easement recently granted by Mr. Price "a huge gift to the people of Teton County," and Mr. Price claims that "It's just better for everybody to have that road in," they are not considering many property owners along N. Stateline Road. These two men do not speak for all of us who live in this area.

We appreciate what we can only trust will be your thoughtful consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Michael Mulligan and Joy Sawyer-Mulligan

FYI- Wyoming

Teton County Wyoming Commissioners  
Paul Vogelheim, Chair  
P O Box 1727  
Jackson, WY 83001  
[pvogelheim@tetonwyo.org](mailto:pvogelheim@tetonwyo.org)

September 19, 2013

Regarding: State Line of Idaho/Wyoming south from South Leigh Road for 1 mile.

This is a neighborhood recreational Mecca. Many residents on both ends of this road recreate here daily: walking, biking, skiing, riding horses, motorcycle, snow machining and more. Many who live in Alta and all around Teton Valley take advantage of this recreational resource with regularity.

South Leigh Creek has a broad corridor of wetland that was identified in an earlier county study with flagging noting the perimeter of the wetland at about 500 feet wide, accommodating for spring high water... Teton Regional Land Trust did a study on this area when Teton Ranch established its first trusted land. Mary Mae, the scientist who surveyed the area, referred to this section of South Leigh Creek bottom as one of the most intact ecosystems she had observed. Friends of Teton River have identified South Leigh Creek as one of only three tributaries of the Teton River that have native cut throat trout, and no invasive fish species.

I would like to make reference to public documents already accepted with visions and goals for both Teton Counties.

The Teton County, Idaho Comprehensive Plan refers to preserving rural character and heritage, preserve natural resources and a healthy environment. Promote pedestrian and bicycle friendly, scenic... rural character. Conserve air, water, wildlife, dark skies, viewsheds, soundscapes, soils, open space, and native vegetation. Interconnected pathway systems, historical, recreational are encouraged to be preserved. It seems that keeping this corridor as primitive is fitting with the long term plan set by Teton County, Idaho.

I believe turning this primitive path into an approved county road would be in conflict to portions of the approved Comprehensive Plan.

The Teton County, Wyoming Comprehensive Plan has a clear "Vision. Preserve and Protect the area's ecosystem in order to ensure a healthy environment, community and economy for current and future generations. To do this in one of the nation's largest intact ecosystems... Wildlife, natural and scenic resources".... "The comprehensive plan commits to ecosystem stewardship to ensure abundant wildlife, quality natural resources, scenery, open spaces"... "Preserve and enhance wildlife habitat, wildlife connectivity, scenic vistas, and open space."

Bisecting the wildlife corridor, adding faster, noisier, heavier traffic is not conducive to adhering to the Teton County, Wyoming Compressive Plan.

I encourage all the elected officials and public servants who are involved in this primitive rural access to preserve the undeveloped nature that it currently has.

If a road is considered in the future I hope these officials can respect the historical use and provide a corridor separate from the road to allow this recreational use to continue without undo exposure to motor vehicles. A former county engineer had presented options that a county road need not be strait as an arrow, need not be 2 lanes wide, and need not be maintained in winter. The current 2 track path is winding with elevation variations, wooded buffers and lots of irregularities. Lack of clear line of sight make the road seem more private.

I have met and visited with many of my neighbors on this meandering path. It is a place for all of us to form our community in a scenic place of beauty.

I ask you to please notify me when any issues are being addressed regarding this area of State Line.

Thank you,



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Dear County Commissioners,

We are writing to express our concern relative to plans to extend Stateline Road from 5000 North across South Leigh Creek attaching it to 6000 North along the common Idaho/Wyoming border in the Alta area.

At a time when communities need to weigh their expenditures wisely, the funds required to build this extension would be far better spent on maintaining and improving the existing road surface and stepping up to the plate on fairly compensating Teton County Idaho's Fire and Rescue coverage for Alta and Targee Resort. Aside from the major expense of such road and bridge construction it is incumbent upon you as leaders of the community to weigh the cost – benefit of such a project.

The South Leigh Creek corridor is a very sensitive area. It is one of the few remaining habitats for Yellowstone cutthroat trout and would certainly be impacted by road and bridge construction. There would also be a serious impact upon the surrounding wetlands and woodlands that support and protect numerous species of wildlife in this area. They include cougar, bear, moose, deer, elk, fox, sandhill cranes and abundant bird varieties. The farm road provides many hours of enjoyment and recreational opportunities to both Wyoming and Idaho community members and it should remain unimproved as a prime recreational corridor providing hours of pleasure and enjoyment of walking/hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snow mobiling and horseback riding.

As property owners who reside near 5000 North and Stateline road, we implore the County to consider the impact of destroying a well-loved and much-used recreational corridor.

Respectfully,  
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