

Despite warnings, drivers hit park wildlife

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MOOSE -- Grand Teton National Park administrators say a four-year campaign to prevent drivers from running over park wildlife has so far failed to stem the rate of collisions.

A tally of roadkill from recent years shows that 38 elk, seven moose, ten bison, two bears, a wolf and 33 deer die annually on average.

Four years ago, park officials entered an agreement with the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation to address wildlife-vehicle collisions. That led to the placement of flashing message boards along state highways that caution motorists to be alert for wildlife and to slow down.

The park is now working with the Wyoming Department of Transportation to come up with additional ways to save wildlife from vehicles.