

Notice of Old Yellowstone Trail South Corridor Study 30 Day Public Comment Period

The Old Yellowstone Trail South Corridor Study is a planning level review of safety; operational and geometric conditions; and environmental resources within the corridor to identify needs and constraints. At the request of Park County Montana, Western Federal Lands Highway Division (WFL) conducted a study of the Old Yellowstone Trail South (OYTS) road alignment for potential improvements to the corridor through the Federal Lands Access Program. This effort strives to identify feasible improvements within the study area based on needs identified by the public, the study partners, and resource agencies. It will serve as a pre-NEPA evaluation to identify reasonable options for the 21-mile corridor from Gardiner, MT to Highway 89 South at Point of Rocks and serve as a resource for future funding opportunities. This study is not intended to be a decision document and does not require allocation of any funds towards a specific project contained in the report. Future projects will be determined on a case-by-case basis.

A major consideration for this corridor is the proximity to Yellowstone National Park and inclusion within Custer Gallatin National Forest. Maintenance, improvements and decisions regarding management of the corridor must be a collaborative effort and consider the resources and mission of each of the agencies involved.

The Old Yellowstone Trail South Corridor Study is available for review on the website at http://www.parkcounty.org/Our-Projects/Yankee-Jim-Canyon-Old-Yellowstone-Trail-South-Planning-Project. Written comments are encouraged and may be submitted to the Park County Commission at commissioners@parkcounty.org. Please submit comments by 4:00PM local time on March 2, 2020.



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