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### North Pathway (Jackson-Grand Teton Park) Seasonal Closure

*Jackson, Wyo., Oct. 7, 2016* – With warmer, milder weather expected to return to the valley next week, pathways users and the general public are reminded that the North Pathway between the Town of Jackson and Grand Teton National Park will remain open through the month of October. The seasonal closure will go into effect on Nov. 1.

The 5-mile segment of the pathway between Flat Creek and the Gros Ventre River is subject to an annual closure from Nov. 1 to April 30 to reduce impacts to migrating elk and other wildlife that winter on the National Elk Refuge. In 2013, the National Elk Refuge extended the open season for the pathway by a month, moving the start of the closure period from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1. The decision to extend the pathway season was approved by Refuge Manager Steve Kallin following three years of data collection and analysis by Refuge biologists and Teton County staff.

The seasonal closure is a condition of the agreement between Teton County and the National Elk Refuge to construct and operate the pathway on U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service property. By agreeing to assist with enforcement of the closure and reporting of violations, Teton County was permitted to construct the pathway on National Elk Refuge property adjacent to Highway 89. More information on the multi-use pathway can be found at <http://bit.ly/2d9J5I6>

The North Pathway affords a quality experience for cyclists and pedestrians. Waterfowl, migratory birds, and other wildlife can frequently be seen along the route in the fall, along with expansive views of Jackson Hole's federal lands.

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