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K. Luke Reiner
Director

June 1, 2020

The Honorable Mayor Lisa Redding
PO Box 243
Chugwater, WY 82210

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Dear Mayor Redding,

Like you, the Wyoming Department of Transportation (WYDOT) has been forced to make difficult decisions during these times of budgetary uncertainty.

As such, WYDOT will be closing 10 rest areas across the state (see attached list). We regret making this decision, but we have done so strategically and carefully. We selected rest areas to close in locations that will cause as little hardship to the traveling public as possible. For example, many of the identified rest areas are within or near communities which offer 24-hour services to motorists. Others are facilities which receive relatively low use and are reasonably close to a community with services.

In your community the rest area in Chugwater, on Interstate 25, will close June 15. Personnel will be on hand at times until June 30, cleaning and physically closing down each facility. WYDOT will continue to perform basic maintenance of the properties, mowing grass/weeds, etc., but the rest area and associated parking lots will not be available for public use.

We hope this decision will have a positive impact on your community resulting in increased visitation to your businesses, especially following the negative impacts from COVID-19.

If your community would like to rent the facility and keep it open, we may be able to reach an agreement of cost and maintenance expectations. We will be glad to visit with you to work out those details.

Please don't hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark W. Ayen P.E.
District Engineer

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Rest Area Closures List

1. Lusk - on US 18
2. Guernsey - on US 26
3. Greybull - on US 14/16/20
4. Moorcroft - on Interstate 90
5. Star Valley - on US 89
6. Ft. Steele - on Interstate 80
7. Sundance - on Interstate 90
8. Upton - on US 16
9. Orin Jct. - on Interstate 25
10. Chugwater - on Interstate 25