

How do other states deal with heavy snow? Has Alaska done this before?

The photos below depict current efforts by the State of Colorado's Division of Wildlife (DOW) to encourage Elk and Deer off of highways and rail corridors. This effort was spurred on by a tragedy earlier in the winter where up to 50 elk & 200 pronghorn deer were lost to trains crossing the Rockies. The elk were lost just north of the New Mexico Border over 1 weekend in December, 2006. The pronghorn were lost during the same period while standing in the tracks.

Colorado started taking action. A quote from the Denver Post, January 21, 2007 "He (Travis Black) and others at the DOW have pulled out a plan seldom used, a scheme devised during massive snowstorms of the 1980s and '90s that is intended to lure the wildlife away from the deadly tracks. Using snowmobiles

and other snow machines, workers have packed down large areas several hundred yards from the tracks. Food is then scattered in the trampled-down areas. It's working. No elk or pronghorn have been killed on the railroad tracks since midweek."

Example after example is shown where other locations around the world implement management protocol to help their wildlife populations. Some say losing moose to deep snow years is 'nature's way'. The AMF firmly believes that this may have been true at one time but while we continue to build our roads and rails through their migratory routes, continue to put natural forest fires out which is 'nature's way' that creates moose food and other factors including predation, poaching and human harvest,

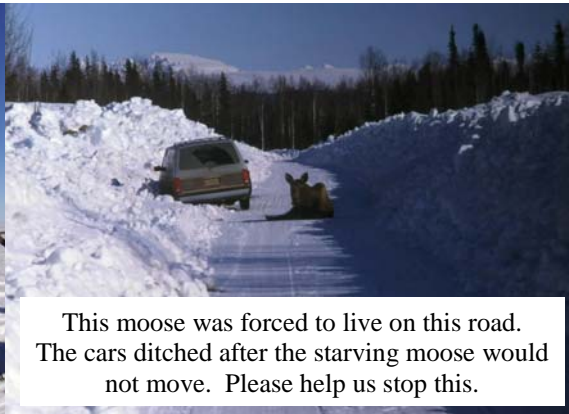
'nature's way' is no longer applicable and we must become better stewards of our moose.

Our plan is to create compacted trails on top of the snow to give moose alternative walking routes back away from the collision corridors. The Colorado effort is throwing bales of hay where we are going to either cut diversionary browse trees or bring bigger vehicles in which will 'crush' down vegetation within a moose's reach. The picture below depicts an AK Railroad Bombadier making trails along the tracks in 1989. We've done it in the past and we're going to do it again. Please thank your legislator for helping these moose off the roads.

"Let's Grow Some Moose!"



Current efforts in Colorado.



This moose was forced to live on this road. The cars ditched after the starving moose would not move. Please help us stop this.



Alaska's past efforts from 1989.