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Wildlife Federation Predicts Increase in Vehicular Collisions with Moose

With the coming of the moose “rut”, the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation is expecting the number of vehicular collisions with these large animals to increase. During the latter stages of September and throughout October moose are on the move, seeking mates. Often, bulls will travel great distances in their single-minded search for cows.

“Moose are not very road-wise.” says Darrell Crabbe, Executive Director for the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. “In fact, they often have little or no regard for their own safety when it comes to crossing highways. Some bulls have even been known to become aggressive enough to attack vehicles that approach too closely.”

“We want to make people very aware of the danger of hitting a moose with their vehicle. They are large, heavy animals and hitting one could cause extensive damage to your vehicle and possibly cause severe injury or death.” Crabbe said.

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) with support from SGI, launched a new public safety campaign in June focusing on vehicular collision avoidance with moose. Titled **Moose On The Loose**, the campaign includes highway billboards, radio and television PSA’s, posters in SGI branch offices, roadside signs distributed to SWF branches for local dispersal to problem areas, and informational restaurant placemats distributed to all SWF branches to be used at fundraising dinners and special events across the province.

The campaign is designed to remind motorists that during the autumn months, both deer and moose are much more mobile and therefore they need to be more vigilant when driving, especially at dusk, at night, and at dawn. SGI collision statistics show that the greatest proportion of vehicular collisions with wildlife take place during the fall months.

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