



each across the highway and walk across to take pictures or video. Additionally, the stretch of highway has multiple curves and a steep decline. The camera cannot be continued in a 17' hole in a hole from vehicles eventually causing serious injury or death.

We recently had a very productive conversation with your knowledgeable and courteous staff regarding the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the safety of the road. There said we are now seeing 'zoom' report the same and we have of witnessed this behavior change. Of course, this also has an impact on already dangerous highways. Having a camera on the road can be a distraction for the driver. We also know that some urgent public safety issues need to be addressed. However, we also know that some urgent matters cannot and do not need to wait for studies. One only needs to observe this area to see the dangerous impacts posed throughout a typical day.

We are asking for the 45 mile per hour speed limit be continued from the Town of Darcy, south to Mile Marker 28. And the lanes be marked as double yellow, no passing. We have had five in the only signal in this very dangerous stretch.

Thank you very much for the work you and your staff do to make Montana highways safer. We know it's not an easy job. We greatly appreciate your attention to this issue and look forward to hearing from your office at your earliest convenience.

Our sincere best regards,

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