

MORE THAN A SCENIC VISTA



Schoolhouse Rock
The Diamond
Old Main

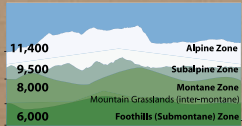
Medicine Bow Peak

The Gap
Brown's Peak

Snowy Range Scenic Byway



Take a drive on the Snowy Range Scenic Byway and learn about the plants, animals, and history as you travel through the elevational life zones.



This highway was the second scenic byway recognized in the nation and was designated in 1988 by the U.S. Forest Service and in 1995 by the State of Wyoming.



THE SNOWY RANGE

The mountains you see on the horizon are part of the Snowy Range. At 12,013 feet, Medicine Bow Peak is the highest point in the range.

The Snowy Range includes several permanent snowfields. They are important in providing water to streams through snowmelt. This water supports trees, plants, wildlife, wetlands, and people.



Chris Kyril



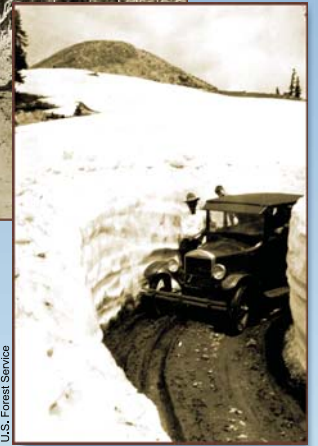
Charles Bellamy, one of the surveyors for the Hahns Peak, Laramie, and Pacific Railroad, explored the Snowy Range for water supplies in the early 1900s. Bellamy at 56, became the nation's first licensed professional engineer and land surveyor in 1907.

Lake Marie, along the Snowy Range Scenic Byway, was named after Bellamy's wife Mary, the first woman elected to the Wyoming State legislature in 1910. She led Wyoming's effort to pass the nation's 19th amendment, giving women the right to vote.



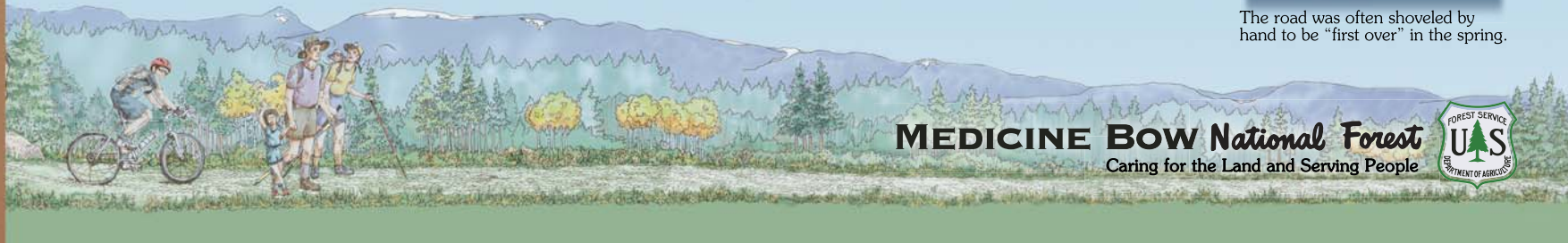
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Traveling on the Snowy Range Road, 1925.



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The road was often shoveled by hand to be "first over" in the spring.



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