

# THE FUTURE OF WILDLIFE PROTECTION: ROADS, CORRIDORS, AND CROSSINGS

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# CORRIDORS AND CROSSINGS

These are places designed to improve and restore habitat connectivity and prevent wildlife death from vehicle collisions.





**WILDLIFE CORRIDOR**



**WILDLIFE CROSSING**

# WHY DO WE NEED WILDLIFE CORRIDORS?

**To prevent wildlife collisions with vehicles:** More than one million of these collisions occur every year in the United States.

**To prevent habitat fragmentation:** Habitats that become fragmented by roads can have dire consequences for animal migration and species vitality.





# LEGISLATIVE EFFORTS

# TRIBAL WILDLIFE CORRIDORS ACT

Funds wildlife corridors and provides resources to Tribal Nations for maintenance of corridors.

Specifically, authorizes \$50 million per year for a grant program for Tribal Nations to implement policies to protect corridors and collaborate with federal and state agencies and private landowners to ensure wildlife and habitat protection.



# WILDLIFE CORRIDORS CONSERVATION ACT

Establishes National Wildlife Corridors to protect and restore natural ecosystems and protect wildlife species.

Requires federal agencies to collaborate with state, local, and tribal governments to manage the Corridors.

Establishes the Wildlife Connectivity Database to collect data on corridors and wildlife crossings and share that data across agencies.



# STATE AND LOCAL LEGISLATION

Legislation promoting wildlife corridors at the state and local levels has influenced federal action.

## **States that have enacted wildlife corridor laws:**

- California
- Colorado
- Florida
- New Hampshire
- New Mexico
- Oregon
- Utah
- Vermont
- Virginia

## **States that have not yet enacted laws but have introduced corridor legislation:**

- Washington
- Wyoming
- Mississippi
- Indiana
- Pennsylvania





# THANK YOU!

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