Highways are safer when wildlife are separated by crossing structures, such as overpasses, underpasses and fencing.

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Roadways fragment habitat, restricting wildlife’s access to food, water, shelter and mates.

Wildlife crossing attempts increase wildlife-vehicle collisions.

Wildlife-vehicle collisions are costly and too often fatal.

Restricted movements can decrease genetic diversity and wildlife’s ability to adapt to a changing climate.

% Reduction in Collisions

The problem

THE PROBLEM

Every Year in the United States

1-2 Million Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions Cause...

> 200 human fatalities

> 26,000 injuries

~ $9.7 Billion in costs

HOW TO HELP

• Investigate highway projects in your state and their potential to make roads safer for wildlife and people.

• Recommend science-based mitigation measures to your State Department of Transportation.

• Consider joining a local conservation group working to reduce the barrier effect of roads on habitat connectivity.

• Get involved with county or local-level initiatives that create safe passage for wildlife and motorists.

Average Cost of a Collision by Species (In 2016 US Dollars)

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