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Hill Briefing on Wildlife Crossings

A proven solution for making our highways safer for people and wildlife

Thursday, April 23, 3pm - 4pm • Rayburn Building 2075

Hosted by Rep. Don Beyer of Virginia

Food to be provided

Across America, there are between 1 and 2 million vehicle collisions with large animals such as deer, elk, moose, and bear every year. When wildlife crosses the road, it can create safety hazards for drivers. Each year in the U.S., wildlife-vehicle collisions result in roughly 200 human deaths, 26,000 injuries, and more than \$10 billion in damages.

Wildlife crossings are a cost-effective solution. Properly sited wildlife crossings with directional fencing have been shown to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions by up to 97%.

The Wildlife Crossings Pilot Program, created with bipartisan support in 2021, provides critical resources to transportation agencies, Tribes, and land managers to proactively protect drivers while supporting habitat connectivity and reducing wildlife-vehicle collisions. The program has been incredibly popular with over 100 proposals from 35 states. Despite its popularity, the program is set to expire at the end of September along with critical resources authorized through the current surface transportation law.

Please join Representative Don Beyer (D-VA), along with a diverse group of panelists, to learn more about the importance of maintaining this program.

Speakers

Angi Bruce, Director,
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Bill Blumenthal,
Director of Legislative
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Crossing Program Manager,
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