

CONSERVING AND RESTORING WILDLIFE CORRIDORS

Passed: 217-186

SUMMARY:

The House adopted a package of pro-environmental amendments including one to establish wildlife corridors on federal lands and provide funding to states, tribes, federal agencies and private landowners to conserve corridors nationwide. (*June 30, 2021, Roll Call No. 201*)

BACKGROUND:

Habitat destruction is one of the main drivers of the biodiversity crisis. Investments that address habitat connectivity and protect wildlife and the places it calls home are an essential part of the solution. Rep. Connor Lamb (D-Pa.) introduced a series of amendments to H.R. 3684, the INVEST in America Act, which included an amendment to connect habitat and facilitate wildlife movement. Rep. Don Beyer (D-Va.) and Rep. Ruben Gallego (D-Ariz.) originally introduced the amendment to create a National System of Wildlife Corridors on federal lands to better support habitat connectivity and the movement of native species essential for ecosystem resilience in the face of climate change and development. The provision also contained over \$200 million in annual funding for wildlife connectivity projects in the form of agency funding and grants to states, tribes, federal agencies and private landowners.

OUTCOME:

On June 30, 2021, the House adopted the amendment, 217-186. “Yea” was the pro-conservation vote.