

Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Connectivity Conservation Act of 2026



Creating the First National Framework to Reconnect Federal Lands for Wildlife

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Background:

Introduced in 2026, the **Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Connectivity Conservation Act**, sponsored by Representative Don Beyer (D-VA) and co-sponsored by Reps. Vern Buchanan (R-FL), Zoe Lofgren (D-CA) and Ryan Fitzpatrick (R-PA) establishes a national framework for identifying, designating and protecting wildlife corridors across the United States. It is the **only legislation** that would create a National Wildlife Corridors System and require federal agencies, including the National Park Service, U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to **protect and manage designated corridors for wildlife**.

Connect to Protect



Movement

Wildlife across the U.S. depend on **movement to survive**. Wildlife corridors are connected land or water pathways that enable animals to move safely between habitats that are needed for feeding, breeding, migration and adaptation.



Fragmented Landscapes

These habitats, however, often exist as habitat islands because they are managed by different entities for different purposes. Activities like logging or mining can **fragment these landscapes into pieces**, leaving **wildlife isolated and more vulnerable to extinction**. Wildlife corridors can reconnect these broken landscapes.



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The Wildlife Corridors and Habitat Connectivity Conservation Act would:



Establish a
National Wildlife
Corridors System.



Require agency
coordination across
jurisdictional boundaries
in planning.



Create a process for
wildlife corridors to
be designated across
federal lands.



Authorize funding to
implement on-the-ground
habitat improvements for
wildlife connectivity.



Require durable
protections for
wildlife in corridors.



Increase transparency
through shared, science-
based data on wildlife
movement.

Rep. Beyer has sponsored other major connectivity bills, each with a distinct purpose within a broader federal strategy and differing levels of impact.

Here are how the different bills compare:

	Wildlife Corridors & Habitat Connectivity Conservation Act	H.R. 717 – Wildlife Movement Through Partnerships Act	H.R. 3329 – Wildlife Corridors & USDA Conservation Programs Act	H.R. 6078/S. 3503 Wildlife Road Crossings Reauthorization
Creates a National Wildlife Corridors System	✓			
Creates a national corridors framework across agencies	✓			
Connectivity mapping requirements	✓		✓	
A grant program for non-federal corridor projects	✓	✓		
A grant program for wildlife movement or movement areas	✓	✓		
Funding for wildlife crossings	✓			✓