

WILDLIFE CROSSINGS

ACROSS AMERICA

Epic road trips following the perilous pathways of wildlife and showcasing the solutions that can save animal lives.

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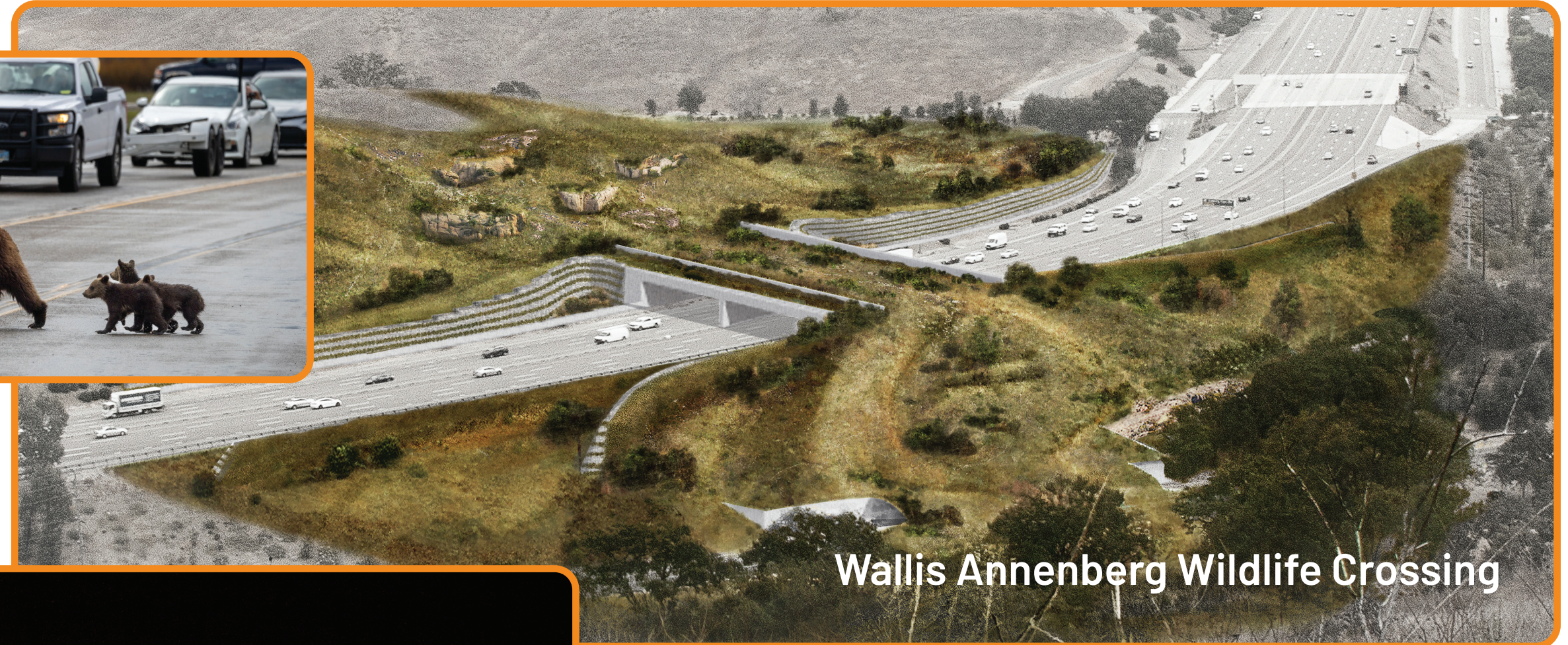
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ABOUT THE JOURNEY

After a remarkable decade of collaborative efforts to bring the visionary Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing to life, which broke ground on Earth Day in 2022, Beth Pratt found herself compelled to continue the mission. Following the loss of the globally beloved mountain lion, P-22, Pratt penned these poignant words in her eulogy to the famous mountain lion, “The most fitting memorial to P-22 will be how we carry his story forward in the work ahead. One crossing is not enough – we owe it to P-22 to build more crossings and connect the habitats where we live now.”

To raise awareness about the need for wildlife crossings, Beth assembled a talented team. They will embark on a multi-stage roadtrip to explore crossings and connectivity across America--and beyond. Join Beth, *National Geographic* photographer Steve Winter, writer Sharon Guynup, and ARC Solutions’ Renee Callahan and Marta Brocki as they travel thousands of miles across the country exploring how to make the world a safer place for animals and people.



Wildlife crossings are nonpartisan. These are issues that we agree on. There are projects queued up across the country and around the world, and the only thing holding them up is dollars. If we can match public dollars with private dollars, dozens of projects could break ground. Tomorrow.”

BETH PRATT

**California Regional Executive Director
National Wildlife Federation**



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There are an estimated one to **two million** collisions between cars and large animals every year in the United States.

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The cost of wildlife-vehicle collisions in the United States is over **\$9 billion** annually.

97%

Studies show that wildlife crossings can decrease wildlife-vehicle collisions up to **97%**.



The United States road map is an amazing example of engineered infrastructure. Unfortunately, this network of more than 4 million miles is a major source of disruption for ecosystems. Wildlife-vehicle collisions are a growing problem and represent an increasing percentage of accidents on our roads.

**US DEPARTMENT OF
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Federal Highway Administration Report to Congress



MEET THE TEAM



STEVE WINTER has been a wildlife photojournalist for *National Geographic Magazine* for over two decades, producing stories on some of the world's most elusive and iconic animals—and specializing in big cats. His documentary films on jaguars, leopards, tigers, and tree-climbing lions have aired on Nat Geo WILD and Disney+. He is a National Geographic Explorer and his work has been recognized with numerous international awards: he's been named BBC Wildlife Photographer of the Year and received top honors from World Press Photo. With Sharon, he coauthored *Tigers Forever* and *The Ultimate Book of Big Cats*.



A lifelong advocate for wildlife, **BETH PRATT** has worked in environmental leadership roles for over 30 years, and in two of the country's largest national parks: Yosemite and Yellowstone. As the California Regional Executive Director for the National Wildlife Federation, Pratt leads the #SaveLACougars campaign to build the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing outside of Los Angeles, which broke ground in 2022. She also serves as Director of The Wildlife Crossing Fund. Her innovative conservation work has been featured by *The New Yorker*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Washington Post*, *CNN*, *CBS This Morning*, *The Guardian*, *NPR*, *AP News*, and more. The author of *When Mountain Lions Are Neighbors*, and *I Heart Wildlife*, her newest book, *Yosemite Wildlife*, will be released in 2024.



RENEE CALLAHAN has over 30 years of professional experience in federal, state, and administrative law, policy, and research. As Executive Director of ARC Solutions (Animal Road Crossing), Renee leads an interdisciplinary not-for-profit partnership working to ensure wildlife crossings are built whenever they are needed. The focus: inspiring innovative, nature-based policies and climate-smart Wildlife Infrastructure Linear Design (WILD) solutions



SHARON GUYNUP is an award-winning journalist, photographer, producer and presenter. She covers wildlife, ecosystems, conservation initiatives, climate change, zoonotic disease and other environmental issues. Her work has been featured in outlets including *National Geographic*, *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *Smithsonian*, and *Scientific American*; and her research has been published in *Conservation Science and Practice*, *ReVista-The Harvard Review* and *The Georgetown Journal of International Affairs*. She's a National Geographic Explorer, a global fellow at the Wilson Center, and with Steve, co-founder of Big Cat Voices.



MARTA BROCKI has coordinated multidisciplinary solutions for wildlife connectivity and the safe movement of people and wildlife for over a decade. Prior to joining ARC Solutions, she managed the Ecological Design Lab at Toronto Metropolitan University where she studied Urban and Regional Planning. Her work in research and practice centers on the implementation of green and adaptive infrastructure in service of resilience and biodiversity.

“ Unlike many of the issues we face today, we have proven solutions that can make roadways safer for both people and wildlife. Wildlife crossings are a critical strategy for protecting biodiversity, safeguarding motorists, and reweaving the landscapes we all call home. As we embark on building the next generation of infrastructure, let’s do so in a way that supports the coexistence of humans and wildlife – from mule deer to mountain lions to monarch butterflies.”

RENEE CALLAHAN

Executive Director of ARC Solutions

“ Wildlife crossings reveal and highlight the landscapes and habitats our road networks have fragmented. By telling the stories of these structures – those who championed them and the wildlife and motorists they safeguard – we celebrate successes and inspire new connections. With many more wildlife crossings in place, we can begin to reconnect our landscapes and restore North America’s wild ecosystems.”

MARTA BROCKI

ARC Solutions

“ Saving wildlife amidst a growing biodiversity crisis and rapidly changing climate demands 21st-century solutions. Connecting habitat bisected by roadways is key: animals need to move in order to survive. Reporting on this nationwide effort—with this rock star team—will help create safe passage for America’s wildlife and help insure their future.”

SHARON GUYNUP

Journalist, Co-Founder, Big Cat Voices, Global Fellow, The Wilson Center, and National Geographic Explorer

“ Los Angeles’ beloved cougar, P-22, built a huge wave of support for co-existing with nature. It manifested in construction of the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing that spans the 10-lane 101 Freeway to connect habitat. Wild lands – animals’ homes – are cut by roads, and safe passage is impossible. Identifying key crossings and building underpasses and overpasses is the only hope for wildlife, from salamanders and frogs to elk, cougars and other animals, many of them endangered. This is an idea whose time has come.”

STEVE WINTER

Wildlife Photojournalist and
National Geographic Explorer

ROAD TRIP: STAGE 1

September 15-24, 2023



Wildlife crossings are solutions that virtually eliminate wildlife-vehicle collisions and critically increase ecosystem resilience in a changing climate.

Join us in making the world a safer place for wildlife—and people!

FOLLOW THE JOURNEY AND GET INVOLVED:

- [Savelacougars.org/CrossingsRoadTrip](https://savelacougars.org/CrossingsRoadTrip)
- P22legacy.org
- 101wildlifecrossing.org

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“ It actually costs society less to solve the problem of wildlife-vehicle collisions than it costs to do nothing.”

WADE CROWFOOT
California Secretary for
Natural Resources



Mel Melcon
LA Times

