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Fix the potholes and mandate cleaning crews every month on the highways. Litter causes vehicular damage as well as pedestrian and bicycle damage every day. Also please mandate wildlife corridors across every highway, in every state. Alternatively known as Green Corridors; Wildlife corridors are areas that act as a safe transition zone for migratory animals. At times, animals may even live and thrive in these habitats indefinitely. Over the next few sections of this article, we will learn what a wildlife corridor is, its various types, its benefits, users, and more. The existing Riparian zones in our ecology are an excellent example of natural corridors. These zones offer ample vegetation and land and ensure a safer passage for species that move from one type of population to the next. Given the degree of protection they offer, these Riparian zones are deemed better natural corridors than a plain. Common examples of natural corridors include the Butterfly Riparian zones, the North American Flyways, and the iconic Pacific Ocean Corridors. Can you believe national parks in the U.S. don't include wildlife corridors, causing dozens of dead wildlife annually? That's right, from Yosemite to Blue Ridge, national parks have refused to install wildlife corridors which could save entire species. The benefits of wildlife corridors are manifold. In this section, we'll find out more about them.

### 1. Safe Passage

The biggest highlight of wildlife corridors is the fact that it assists in preserving rare wildlife amid human society. It helps animals survive while also offering them safe passage during migrations. That is why, wildlife corridors are especially useful for migratory species like wolves, elks, bears, and others.

### 2. Promotes Genetic Diversity

Wildlife corridors offer the much-needed refuge to the animals living in areas that are heavily threatened by predators and other infiltrators. Additionally, they also promote genetic diversity among animals. When animals stay in a specific habitat extensively, they are inherently inclined to inbreeding. Over time, this prevents genetic disorders and makes these animals less susceptible to harmful ailments. Another major highlight of these corridors is the fact that they help to address the issue of fragmentation in habitats. This is especially important as the animals subjected to habitat fragmentation become more susceptible to natural

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calamities as well as predation. As with animals, wildlife corridors offer immense benefits to the various species of plants. They help plants grow and thrive in a healthy protected environment.

#### 5. Prevents Animal-Vehicle Collisions

It is worth noting that habitat corridors are also beneficial to humans. When an underpass or overpass is created for wildlife, it immediately reduces the possibility of a vehicle collision with huge animals. According to the State Farm Insurance of the USA, there have been millions of instances of deer collisions with a vehicle. The numbers have risen by at least 20 percent from the last few years.

These animal-vehicle accidents do not just hurt the vehicle owner and the animal, but it also shoots up the insurance and driver expenses.

Habitat corridors can prevent and almost eliminate this issue by creating a safe space for big and small animals.

#### 6. Minimizes Human-Animal Interaction

These corridors are even known for the minimization of interactions between animals and humans. This is done by establishing a safe food hunting space for predatory animals like grizzly bears. As the interaction is limited, their threat among people is significantly reduced.

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