



Wildlife Overpasses



BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The image shows a **wildlife overpass**, a bridge that allows wildlife to move safely over a road, in the Rocky Mountains near Calgary, Alberta. The road in the image is part of the Trans-Canada Highway, one of the longest highways in the world.

Many animals cannot easily cross roads or are hit by cars while crossing. By limiting how far wildlife can move, roads and other humanmade structures may **fragment**, or break, larger habitats into smaller ones. Wildlife in smaller habitats may have a harder time finding food, mates, living space, and other important resources.

A wildlife overpass is one way to reconnect fragmented habitats. By providing a safe path above a road, it allows animals to move freely between habitats on both sides, thereby expanding the overall area in which wildlife can live.