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Wildlife Crossings help to prevent animal-vehicle collisions. Each year, there are over 7,000 wildlife-vehicle collisions in Oregon; on average, four people die and 521 people are seriously injured in those collisions. There is no dedicated federal or state funding source to reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions, despite a recent state law meant to reduce these types of collisions (HB 2834 in 2019). An investment of \$5 million per year would enable the construction of an additional 20 wildlife fencing and structure projects over the next 30 years.