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National Wildlife Federation Launches Special “Wildlife Crossing Week” P-22 Presents Series

In partnership with ARC Solutions, the interactive Facebook Live series will present conversations with leading local and global experts dedicated to the study, design and construction of wildlife crossings

Los Angeles (April 30, 2020) – As part of its successful P-22 Presents series, The National Wildlife Federation’s #SaveLACougars campaign, will launch “Wildlife Crossing Week” – a set of live and interactive online presentations featuring experts from all over the world that have dedicated themselves to studying the science, design and construction of wildlife crossings. The series is being hosted in collaboration with Animal Road Crossing (ARC Solutions), an interdisciplinary partnership that facilitates new thinking, methods, materials and solutions for wildlife crossing structures across North America.

Conversations will be live on P-22’s Facebook Page – and will be led by Beth Pratt, California Regional Executive Director and leader of the #SaveLACougars campaign for the National Wildlife Federation. The projects that will be featured include an overpass in Wyoming to preserve a 6,000-year-old pronghorn migration route, a series of structures in Banff National Park in Canada, that since their completion, have been used over 200,000 times by grizzly bears, cougars, wolves, and moose – and an underpass in Vermont designed for frogs and salamanders.

“Our team is proud to be part of the Liberty Wildlife Corridor Partners and the broad coalition working to build the largest wildlife crossing in the world in the Los Angeles area, which will become a world-class model for urban wildlife conservation,” said Beth Pratt, California Regional Director for the National Wildlife Federation. “This series is an opportunity for us to engage and inspire new audiences by giving them direct access to the talented experts shaping conservation projects around the world and hear their reflections on the landmark effort here in California.”

“ARC Solutions is excited to partner with the National Wildlife Federation to co-host P-22 Presents ‘Wildlife Crossing Week.’ Although we know that wildlife crossings work, many of these structures – especially ones for smaller critters – are often concealed from public view. We are thrilled to join forces with NWF to shine a spotlight on the secret lives of these hidden structures,” said Renee Callahan, Executive Director of ARC Solutions.



Wildlife Crossing Week

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM	WHO
5/4	12:00 PST	Introduction to ARC (Animal Road Crossings) and the Role of Design	Nina-Marie E. Lister, Director, Ecological Design Lab at Ryerson University, Jeremy Guth, Woodcock Foundation, and Renee Callahan, Executive Director, ARC (Animal Road Crossings) Solutions
5/4	2:00 PM	(Re)Connecting the Wild: Reconnecting a Historic Mule deer Migration in Nevada	Nova Simpson, Northern Nevada Biological Supervisor for Nevada DOT, Jessen Mortenson, NDOT Chief Structural Engineer for Nevada DOT, and Jake Willers, Videographer and Founder of NineCaribou Productions
5/5	9:00 AM	How a 6,000 Year-old Pronghorn Migration was Protected in the Era of the Automobile	Renee Seidler, Executive Director for the Jackson Hole Wildlife Foundation
5/5	2:00 PM	Highway 89 Stewardship Team & the "Experimental Highway"	Sandra Jacobson, retired US Forest Service
5/6	10:00 AM	Make Way for Amphibians: Monkton Vermont Wildlife Crossing	Chris Slesar, Vermont Transportation Agency & member of the Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Scientific Advisory Group
5/6	12:00 PM	Wildlife Crossings in Banff National Park and on the Trans-Canada Highway	Terry McGuire, retired Parks Canada, and professional civil engineer, McGuire Consulting
5/6	2:00 PM	Improving Ecological Connectivity: The IUCN's Transport Working Group	Rob Ament, Center for Large Landscape Conservation and Western Transportation Institute at Montana State University
5/6	7:00 PM	Movie Night! <i>Cascades Crossroads</i> Film Showing and Q&A	Mitch Friedman, Executive Director Conservation Northwest
5/7	10:00 AM	South of Yellowstone: Crossings of the Togwotee Corridor	Darin Martens, Liaison & Landscape Architect, US Forest Service -WY Department of Transportation - FHWA.
5/7	12:00 PM	Meet the Coalition of Partners for the I-40/Pigeon Gorge project	Jeff Hunter, NPCA, and Liz Hillard, Wildlife Scientist, Wildlands Network
5/7	1:00 PM	Designing Crossing Structures Around Wildlife Behavior	Fraser Schilling, Director of the Road Ecology Center at UC Davis.
5/7	2:00 PM	Summit County Safe Passages: Colorado I-70	Ashley Nettles, Wildlife Biologist at U.S. Forest Service
5/7	7:00 PM	Movie Night: <i>Toad Detour</i> Film Showing and Q&A	Lisa Levinson, In Defense of Animals
5/8	10:00 AM	Colorado SH-9 Crossing Network	Michelle Cowardin, Wildlife Biologist, Colorado Parks and Wildlife
5/8	NOON	Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District Highway 17 Project	Julie Andersen, Senior Resource Management Specialist, Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District, and TBD
5/8	1:00 PM	Light Pollution and Wildlife Movement	Dr. Travis Longcore, UCLA & The Urban Wildlands Group

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5/8	2:00 PM	Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation Initiative	Kelly Zenkewich, Communications and digital engagement manager, Yellowstone to Yukon Conservation

The [National Wildlife Federation](#) is America's largest conservation organization with over 6 million supporters nationwide, uniting all Americans to ensure wildlife thrive in a rapidly-changing world. Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). To learn more about the #SaveTheCougars campaign to build the Wildlife Crossing at Liberty Canyon visit <https://savelacougars.org/>

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