

Don't Replace Vehicle Barriers with Border Walls!

Border walls, or "pedestrian fencing," are ineffective, expensive, and have detrimental effects on the environment. Vehicle barriers do not cause the environmental devastation that walls can cause, and should not be replaced by border walls or so-called "fences."



Deer blocked by border walls in Arizona.
Photo: Anonymous

What is a Border Wall, or "Pedestrian Fence?"

- ✚ Border walls are made of steel or concrete, measure 12 to 20 feet high, and can block the natural movement of water and wildlife.
- ✚ As of April, 2017 there are 354 miles of U.S.-Mexico border with single, double or triple-layer border walls already constructed on it.
- ✚ Environmental impacts of walls include flooding, blockage of wildlife migration corridors, and the fragmentation of habitat.

What is a Vehicle Barrier?

- ✚ In addition to the 354 miles of existing border with walls, there are another 300 miles with vehicle barriers.
- ✚ Vehicle barriers are made of steel, are four to six feet high, do not block the migrations of most wildlife species, and have not caused or exacerbated flooding problems along the border.
- ✚ Vehicle barriers don't stop people from crossing the border, but neither do walls, which are routinely scaled with and without ropes and ladders, and have been breached thousands of times.



Deer crossing vehicle barriers in Arizona.
Photo: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Ladders accumulate along the border wall in Texas. Photo: Scott Nicol

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If Trump is allowed to replace vehicle barriers with border walls, also known as "pedestrian fences," he could build an additional 300 miles of wall along the border. Most Americans oppose Trump's border wall.

Please vote to disallow the replacement of vehicle barriers with border walls. Instead, please vote to remove ineffective and problematic border walls, pedestrian fences and other environmentally-harmful barriers.

Thank you.

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