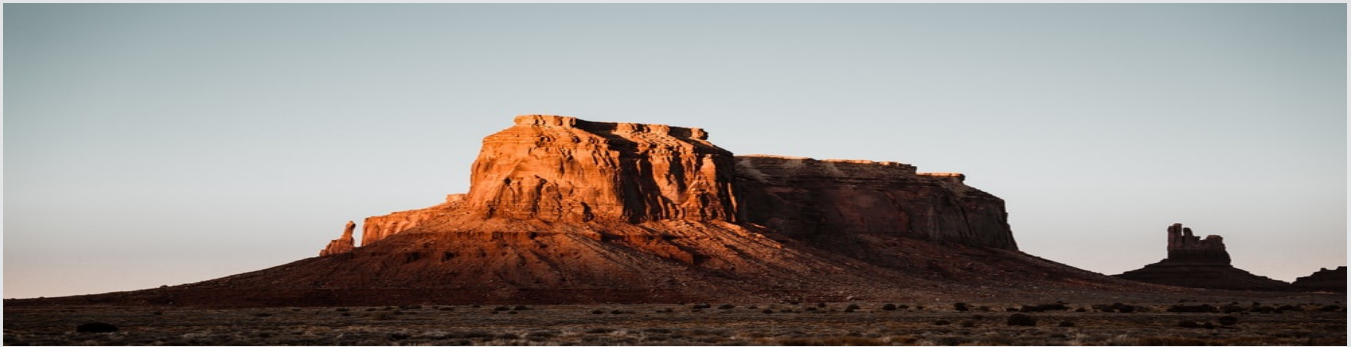


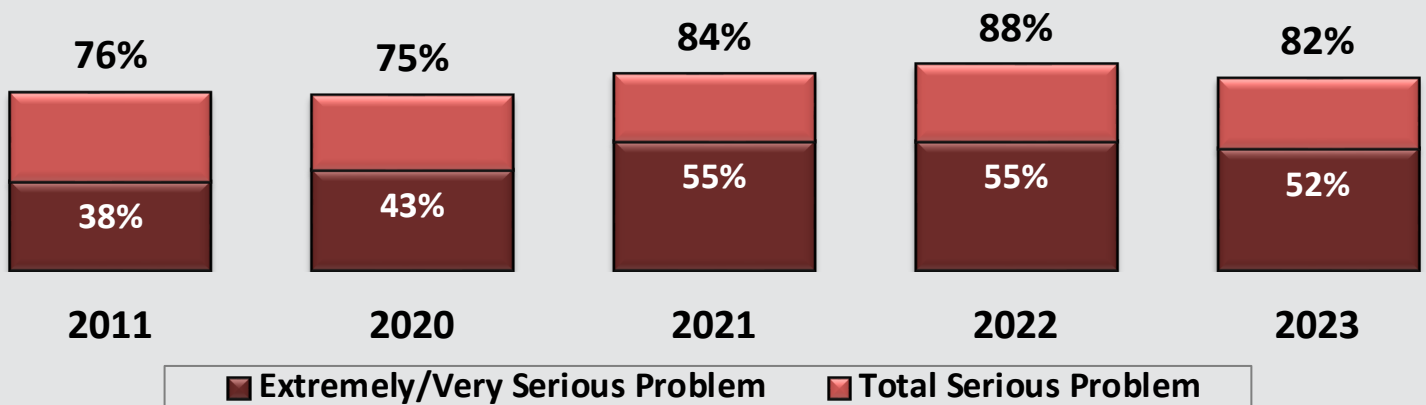
Wildlife in the West

Westerners continue to express concern about loss of wildlife habitat, as well as population declines of fish and wildlife. Most voters say it is important to conserve wildlife migration routes and a proposal to construct wildlife crossing structures across major highways that intersect with known migration routes receives overwhelming support.



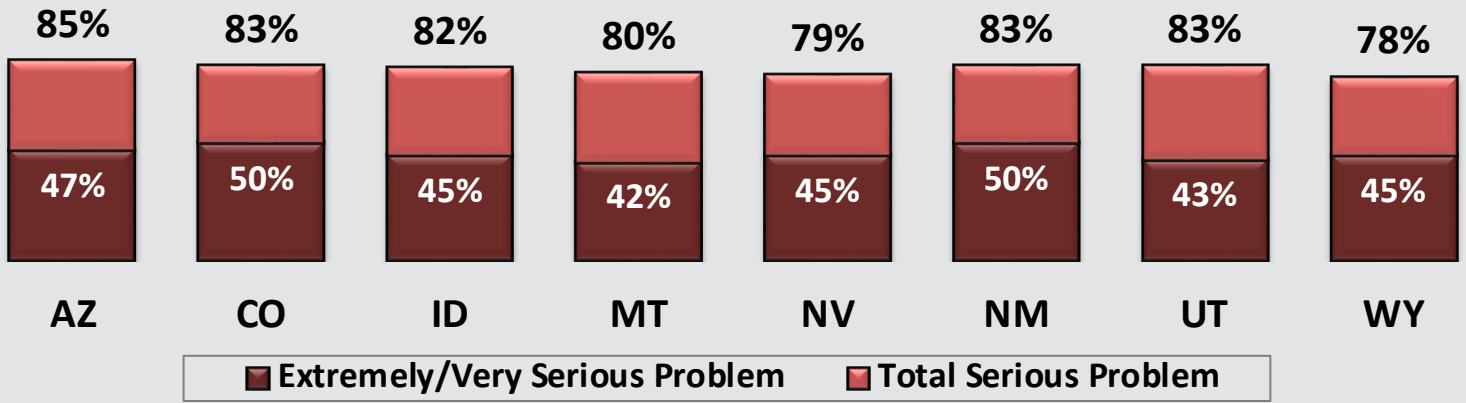
Loss of habitat for fish and wildlife continues to be viewed as a serious problem by the vast majority of Westerners. Consistent with the last two years, more than eight-in-ten (82 percent) say the loss of habitat is a serious problem. Concern is slightly higher among the 64 percent of voters who self-describe as conservationists (85 percent serious problem) compared to those who do not (78 percent). However, there are fairly similar levels of concern regardless of whether voters are sportsmen (80 percent serious problem) or not (83 percent).

Loss of Habitat for Fish & Wildlife

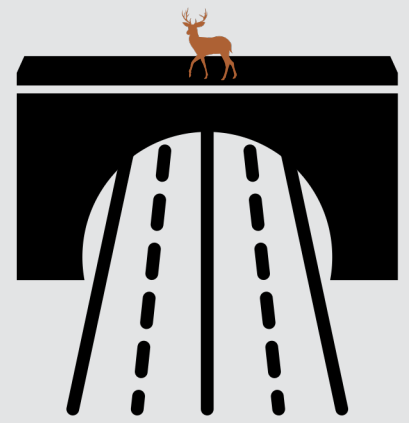


Population declines of fish and wildlife are also worrisome to voters. This year, 83 percent of Westerners describe the fish and wildlife population decline as a serious problem, consistent with last year (82 percent) and 2021 (80 percent). Sub-groups who are most concerned about the problem are younger voters under 35 (91 percent serious problem), big city dwellers (88 percent), and women (87 percent).

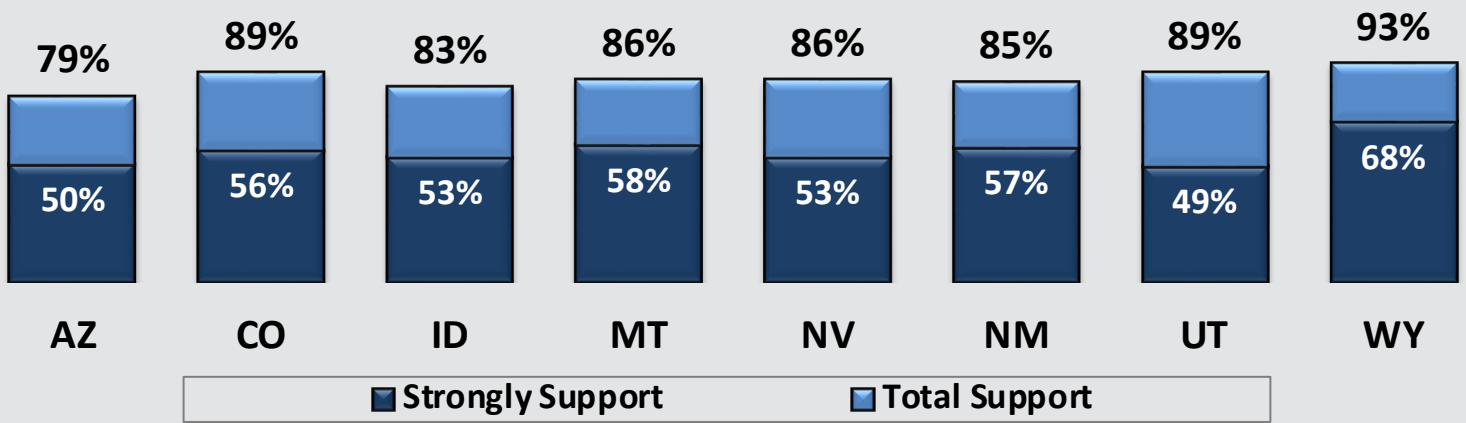
Population Declines of Fish & Wildlife

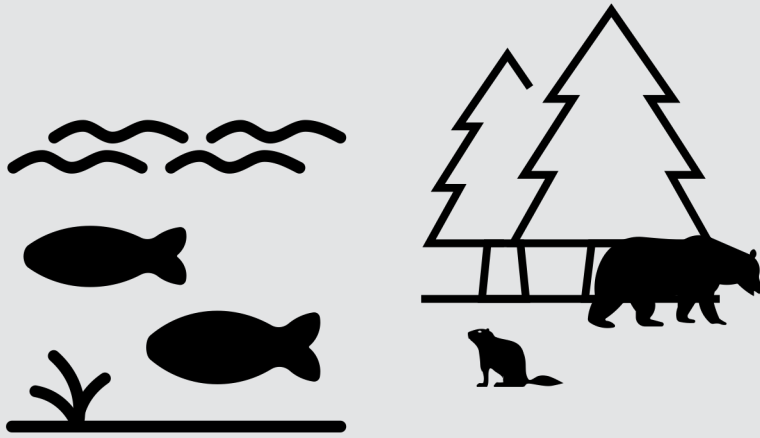


There is overwhelming support for constructing wildlife crossing structures. More than eight-in-ten (85 percent) of Westerners favor building these structures “across major highways that intersect with known migration routes,” with a majority (53 percent) saying they strongly support it. The proposal also garners support across the political spectrum, with 76 percent of Republicans, and 91 percent of Independents and Democrats favoring it.



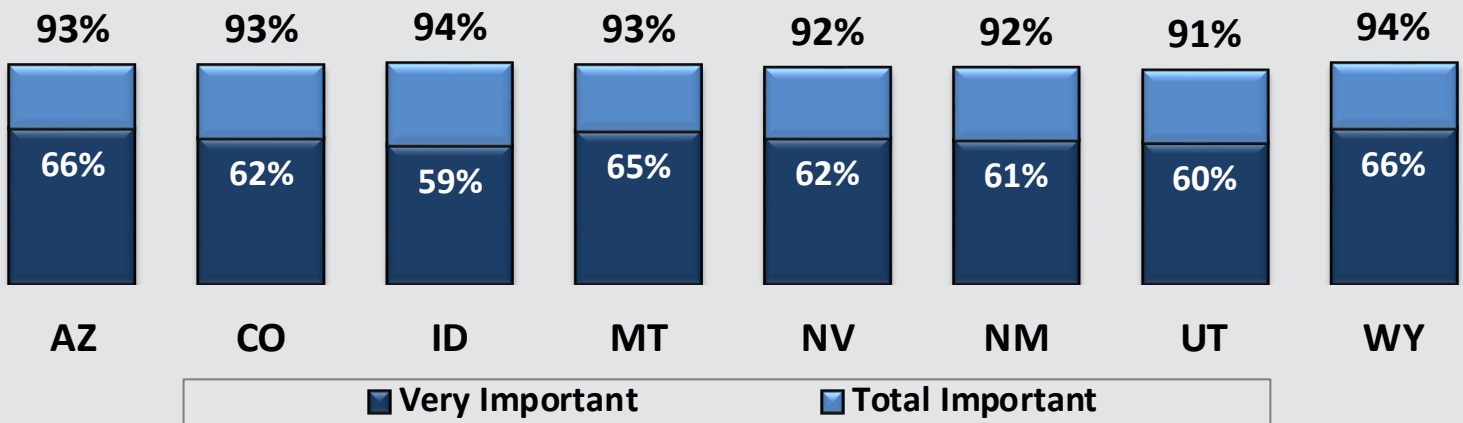
Constructing Wildlife Crossing Structures Across Major Highways





In fact, wildlife habitat and migration routes being protected are almost unanimously perceived as important reasons to undertake conservation. More than nine-in-ten voters across every state say these are important goals, with a majority in each state describing them as “very” important.

To Conserve Wildlife Habitat & Migration Routes



Helping threatened wildlife is also viewed as an important reason to engage in conservation efforts. An overwhelming 91 percent of Western voters regard this goal as important, with this view especially pronounced in Arizona and Utah (95 percent in both states).

To Help Threatened Wildlife

