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I grew up in Bend, Oregon in the 1980s and 1990s. As the population grew I noticed more and more roadkill. It was a realization of our impact as we continued our housing growth into habitats of native species. Fast forward 30 yrs later and I'm a new resident of Portlands SW Hills, after living 20 plus years in Los Angeles I saw the need for wildlife crossings in Los Angeles. Without it species cannot continue diverse bloodlines, there are more human to species conflicts, and it's the least we can do as we push to predatory animals to survive after taking habitat away. Just yesterday 6/9/25 in the midst of our heat wave I was driving along Barbour right before Terwilliger at 9am and a coyote bolts across 4 lanes towards the Willamette River. It was a bold move almost getting it hit. I know there are certain areas that tend to be a crossing for our creatures so let's help them when they have no choice to cross because they need water. Let's help them diversify there species. It's the least we can do as we encroach more and more on natural habitat. Thank you for listening :)