

Region 2 Barrier ID: W013 (Priority Barrier).

Barrier Name: SR-20 Salt Creek, West of Williams.

Linear Infrastructure: SR-20.

Geographic Area: Colusa County where SR-20 bisects Cortina Ridge.

Length: 3.55 km (2.21 mi).

Target Species: Tule elk (Cervus canadensis nannodes).

Connectivity Concerns: SR-20 bisects Cortina Ridge and California Department of Fish and Wildlife has documented that collared tule elk do not attempt to cross from either side, cutting off the connectivity from north to south along the ridge. The endemic tule elk have already been close to extirpation and is genetically vulnerable.

Remediation Goals: A previously funded overpass has been designed, and a location is needed with protected land on either side. Topography and the target species indicate creating a new overpass and wildlife exclusion fencing where feasible.



Figure: SR-20 through Cortina Ridge is a Region 2 priority wildlife connectivity barrier.