

Region 2 Barrier ID: W097 (Barrier).

Barrier Name: SR-70 West Branch Bridge.

Linear Infrastructure: SR-70.

**Geographic Area:** Butte County, West Branch Bridge over the Feather River leading into Lake Oroville.

Length: 1.68 km (1.05 mi).

**Target Species:** Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*), mountain lion (*Puma concolor*), black bear (*Ursus americanus*).

**Connectivity Concerns:** This stretch of SR-70 is a noted spot for animal vehicle collision. Migratory deer from the Bucks Mountain/Mooretown deer herd winter here along with resident deer and make daily and seasonal movements across the highway.

**Remediation Goals:** Expand and enhance existing infrastructure such as culverts and creek/river bridges, add new wildlife crossing structures and wildlife exclusion fencing. Create a bench for terrestrial wildlife in the bridge abutments.



Figure: SR-70 at the West Branch Bridge is a Region 2 wildlife connectivity barrier.