

Major highways that connect Los Angeles and Las Vegas run through the bighorn sheep habitat.



How might the highway connection be important to Las Vegas?



Importance

- About 50,000 tourists a day arrived from California on Interstate 15 just in the month of July!
- If those numbers hold steady, Las Vegas will have over 18 million tourists a year arriving from California by car. Almost half of all tourists to Las Vegas arrive by car from California.



People Visit Las Vegas For . . .

Entertainment



Conventions



Gambling





These visitors employ over 260,000 people,
which is 30% of the working population!

They also contribute billions of dollars to the economy which helps fund schools, museums, and city services.



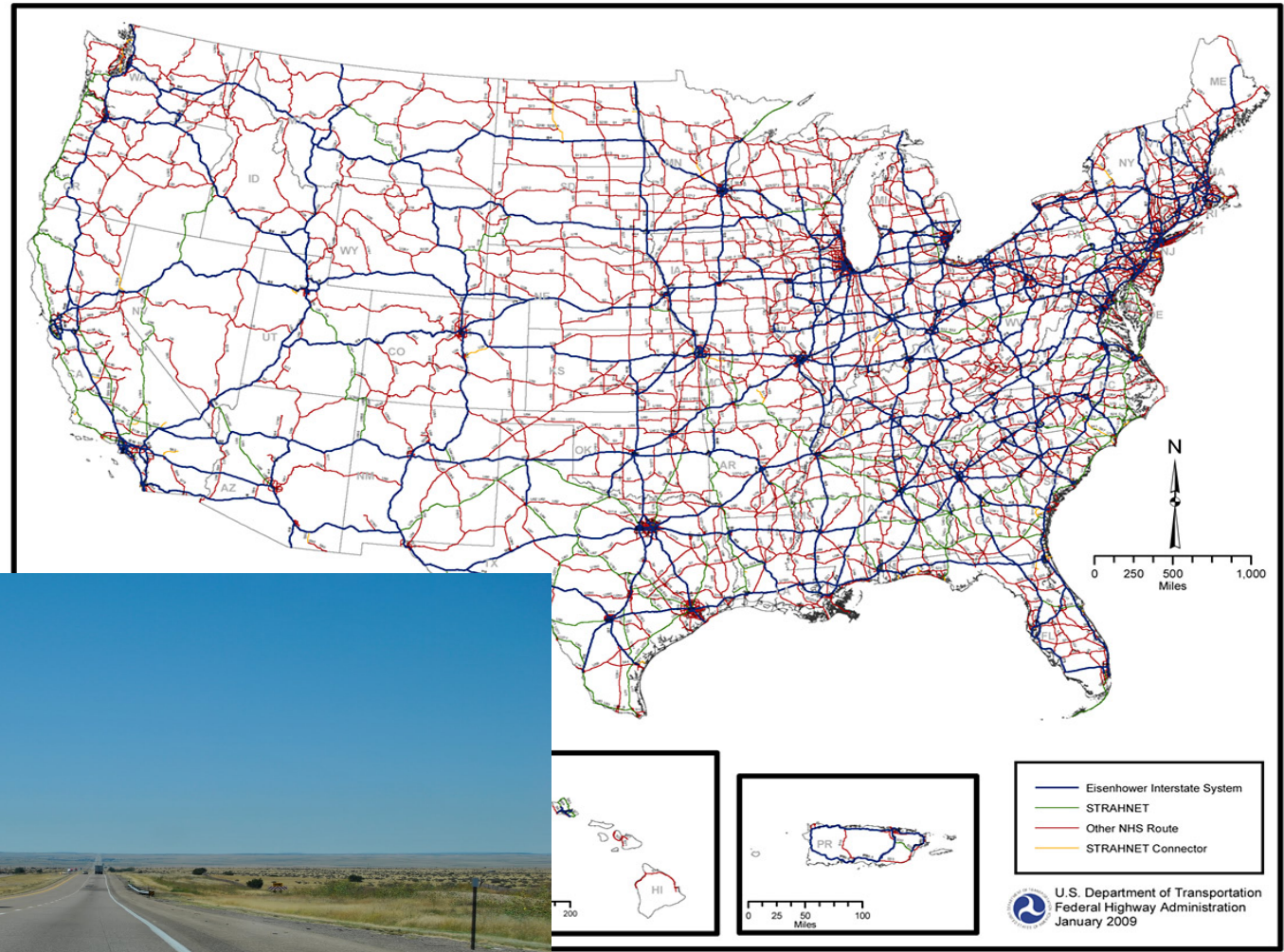


So we know the highways are very important, but one scientist wanted to know how they might affect the sheep.



Can you think of any possible ways highways might impact living things that live near them?

National Highway System



What do you notice about this picture?



A fence

Clinton Epps was interested in the fenced highways because of their possible role in setting up un-natural borders for populations.

Let's look at boundaries in your neighborhood

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