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The United States – Mexico Border Fence

a portion of the fence

The United States is in the process of building almost 700 miles of fence along the boundaries of California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas to prevent illegal immigrants from Mexico from entering the United States. Many animals and plants like the ocelot, Mexican jaguars, black bears, hummingbirds, and the endangered Sonoran pronghorn antelope live on both sides of the border.

The armadillo is known for its leathery armor.

Over 20 hummingbird species live in both the U.S. and Mexico

Black bear cub

The Sonoran Pronghorn runs up to 60 mph and is the fastest North American land animal

Ocelots found mostly in Central and South America are also found in Texas.

a) Animals don't understand why people build fences, but yet their lives are affected. In what ways are their habitat and lives affected?

b) Which animal do you predict will be least affected by the fence? Why?

c) Propose a solution to prevent the fence from harming wildlife habitat.

d) How would you test whether the fence harms wildlife? Think back to the bighorn sheep example.

e) Look at the map above and record two sites between which a new fence is NOT being built.