

# TYPES OF BORDER WALL

Border walls come in many forms, and with different names, including:

- **“Bollard wall/bollard fencing”**
- **“Levee wall**
- **“Mesh wall/mesh fencing”**
- **“Pedestrian fencing”**

All of these border walls are ineffective, expensive, and have detrimental effects on the environment and people. They block wildlife, cause floods, cut off private and public lands, and divide border communities.

- Border walls are made of steel or concrete, measure 12 to 20 feet high, and can block the natural movement of water and wildlife.
- As of September, 2017 there are 354 miles of U.S.-Mexico border with single, double or triple-layer border walls already constructed on it.
- Impacts of walls include flooding, blockage of wildlife migration corridors, and the fragmentation of habitat.

## **OTHER BARRIER TYPES: VEHICLE BARRIER/VEHICLE FENCING**

- In addition to the 354 miles of existing border with walls, there are another 300 miles with vehicle barriers.
- Vehicle barriers are made of steel, are four to six feet high, do not block the migrations of most wildlife species, and have not caused or exacerbated flooding problems along the border.
- Vehicle barriers don't stop people from crossing the border, but neither do walls, which are routinely scaled with and without ropes and ladders, and have been breached thousands of times.



*LADDERS ACCUMULATE ALONG A BOLLARD BORDER WALL IN TEXAS.  
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*LEVEE BORDER WALL DURING CONSTRUCTION THROUGH THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE. PHOTO: MATT CLARK, DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE*



*DEER CROSSING VEHICLE BARRIERS IN ARIZONA.  
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