

Because there is so little, let's start with good news. Governor Ron DeSantis [vetoed the anti-rooftop solar net metering bill \(HB 741\) this week](#).

LINK: <https://floridaphoenix.com/2022/04/28/fl-solar-industry-call-desantis-veto-of-net-metering-bill-a-win-for-the-clean-energy/>

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Now back to reality:

The proposed toll road which would go through a "protected" natural area between Osceola and Orange counties widely opposed by citizens [was UNANIMOUSLY approved](#) by board members.

LINK: [https://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/environment/os-ne-split-oak-road-vote-20220420-g3wimvsk4vfgdaqisyb4vyp6e-story.html?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Breaking%20News&utm\\_content=3701650487691](https://www.orlandosentinel.com/news/environment/os-ne-split-oak-road-vote-20220420-g3wimvsk4vfgdaqisyb4vyp6e-story.html?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Breaking%20News&utm_content=3701650487691)

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Long look at how [green \(natural\) infrastructure solutions](#) like planting trees, oyster beds and mangroves are more beneficial to combating climate change than grey (manmade) solutions like dams, dikes and walls. Florida officials, not surprisingly, have landed heavily on the "grey" side of the equation to put more money into the pockets of contractors, asphalt and concrete companies, road builders, developers and engineers.

LINK: <https://e360.yale.edu/features/why-are-nature-based-solutions-on-climate-being-overlooked>

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At Alligator River NWR in North Carolina this April, something monumental occurred, a new litter of red wolf pups and renewed hope for survival of a species. During the week of April 18, Red Wolf Recovery Program Staff confirmed a litter of 6 wild red wolf pups (4 females, 2 males) born to mother 2225 and father 2323 (to be confirmed through genetic testing). This new litter is the first wild-born litter of red wolves since 2018.

Estimates place the remaining number of wild red wolves at fewer than 40 individuals.

At the same time...

The Biden administration is challenging the decision that [restored federal protections for wolves](#).

Biden officials just filed an appeal challenging a federal district court's decision to strike down a decision made under the Trump administration that stripped gray wolves of their protections under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) across much of the U.S.

If the appeal is successful, wolves would once again be without federal protection and at risk of being shot and trapped.

"This announcement marks a stunning and supremely disappointing reversal by the administration," Jamie Rappaport Clark, CEO and president at Defenders of Wildlife said in a statement. "Despite President Biden's warnings about the looming threat of biodiversity loss, his administration is attempting to quash a significant ecological victory."

LINK: <https://www.commondreams.org/news/2022/04/27/stunning-and-supremely-disappointing-biden-admin-moves-appeal-gray-wolf-protections>

The Biden administration did make progress on deciding [whether to list 27 species under the federal Endangered Species Act](#), including the iconic monarch butterfly and many which call Florida home, after a wildlife advocacy organization won a legal battle to force the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to establish timelines.

LINK: <https://www.courthousenews.com/white-house-set-to-decide-on-protections-for-27-threatened-species/?emci=8b70907d-72c6-ec11-997e-281878b83d8a&emdi=c475826c-34c7-ec11-997e-281878b83d8a&ceid=2023608>

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Are you familiar with America's historic and ongoing [wildlife killing contests](#)?

LINK: [https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/how-killing-wildlife-became-a-game?rid=22C72B5CF0663C6784557ED8747380DB&cmpid=org=ngp::mc=crm-email::src=ngp::cmp=editorial::add=Science\\_20220427](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/animals/article/how-killing-wildlife-became-a-game?rid=22C72B5CF0663C6784557ED8747380DB&cmpid=org=ngp::mc=crm-email::src=ngp::cmp=editorial::add=Science_20220427)