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Comments:

I strongly oppose amending the current Forest Plan to reduce to current protections of of both Indiana bats (*Myotis sodalis*) and northern long-eared bats (*Myotis septentrionalis*).

It does not appear that enough trial testing has occurred to warrant this change. The change is more for accommodating the extraction industry and is not focused on assuring favorable results for these bat populations. Changing a established Forest Plan in regards to endangered species and reducing those protections of same already in place is not a task to be taken lightly.

The Forest Service needs to show conclusively that this amendment to the Forest Plan will neither harm the existing bat habitats and show conclusively that the proposed changes benefit the bat populations.