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Comments:

I am writing to oppose the changes suggested in Forest plan amendment #53386. The Indiana Bat and Northern Long Eared Bat are both inhabitants of the proposed area and increased timber harvest and/or loosening of the restrictions in that area will negatively affect this habitat. Harvesting in summer will impact breeding colonies and moving the harvest to the winter months will destroy soil and allow for invasive species to inundate the area as well as negatively affect other fragile species such as the Ky Arrow Darter. No change should take place unless it serves to strengthen protections for the above mentioned endangered species and all of the flora and fauna contained in the Redbird district.

Thank you