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Comments:

I have worked with bats first-hand and understand the need for substantial habitats for them and the great benefits they serve in protecting a stable ecosystem. Due to white-nose syndrome, most American bat species are and have been in decline for several years. Allowing additional logging projects in the Daniel Boone National Forest should not be permitted. This area of the Commonwealth is one of the largest sustainable forests for bat populations and is essential for maintaining our state's ecosystem. In the summer, most bat species rely on trees as intermediary roots during the day. Having large contiguous sections of forest is essential to these species and logging efforts will severely threaten their survival. Therefore, I urge you not to pass this proposed amendment. Thank you.