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To the Forest Service,

I write regarding the proposal to amend the forest's 2004 management plan with respect to the federally endangered Indiana bat. I understand that the current proposal would loosen protective standards that limit timber harvest near maternity colonies of Indiana bats and northern long-eared bats, the latter of which are also listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act.

Timber harvesting must only be done with respect to the forest's health, which includes the health of the wildlife populations within it. Please help sustain this forest and its diverse web of wildlife by maintaining protections, especially for threatened and endangered species. I ask that you consider strengthening protections for the Indiana and northern long-eared bats, as well as threatened and endangered aquatic species which would also be impacted by the stream sedimentation from logging. Please manage timber harvest in a way that is responsible and sustainable for the Daniel Boone National Forest for many years to come.

Thank you for your service, and for consideration of my comments.

Miranda Brown