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I feel that there should be no question about making any amendment that places the interests of logging above the conservation and preservation of bat populations. Bats fill a very important role in the ecosystem, and protecting them benefits people as much as it does our lands. If logging in the wet season is endangering aquatic populations because it cannot be done around protected bat maternity colonies at other times, then perhaps the only problem is the logging itself. I understand that strategic logging may benefit ecosystems if done in moderation, but I see way too many eyesores that result from logging operations that basically strip steep hillsides of their canopies. Bare hillsides not only look terrible, but create intense sediment runoff and destroy valuable habitat. I firmly believe that the forest service needs to perform like its name suggests and focus on "servicing" and protecting our natural ecosystems instead of chasing business interests. As a caver, outdoorsy, and environmentalist, bats are important to me, streams are important to me, and preserving the beauty of our lands is important to me. We are all well aware that human actions have been responsible for wiping out countless organisms and habitats in a very short amount of time, so at this point I think we should conserve what important species we have at any cost. I hope you consider mine and other's points of view before potentially opening the door to more harm against these already threatened bats.