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Comments:

Myself and the Kentucky Forest Industries Association are in full support of the draft Forest Plan Amendment Environmental Assessment as proposed by DBNF professional resources staff. I support the proposed USFS management of bat habitat based on the available scientific research and utilizing active management to promote habitat will be positive for the species.

The changes to allow for active management overall will not only benefit the USFS in meeting their natural resource objectives; but also promote revenue through commercial timber harvests (via "logging") for further forest management activities and support forest health and local forest based economies.

Unlike many commenting on the use of the forest I have seen the economic benefit that products from the forest can support to local employment. I have not only visited many areas of the forest but have experienced first hand backpacking in a number of areas of the forest and feel the amendment will help keep the forest in a much healthier condition and benefit all users in the long run.

I am confident that the USFS will be protecting and enhancing the forest resources of the DBNF with this proposal.