Data Submitted (UTC 11): 3/24/2018 4:00:00 AM

First name: Robert Last name: Vail Organization:

Title:

Comments: 24 March 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

It is so disappointing to read that the Daniel Boone National Forest is proposing to weaken the protection afforded by the Endangered Species Act to the endangered Indiana bat and other species by allowing logging near these bat maternity colonies. You must be cognizant of the fact that most bat populations are in serious decline due to white nose syndrome and any bat habitat must be protected not destroyed.

Personally, I have a very difficult time understanding why the Forest Service wants to increase logging in our precious wilderness which belongs to all of us. It shouldn't be asking too much to preserve these forests for the enjoyment of future generations and the indigenous species living there.

Sincerely,

Robert Vail