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Comments: I read in the Bulletin newspaper that the U.S. Forest Service is moving forward with plans to limit the permitted activities in caves on the Deschutes National Forest in response to damage caused by visitors and risks to local bat populations.

I'm writing to give my full support to these plans. As is unfortunately the case all too often, it seems that the actions of a few irresponsible humans are going to negatively affect the rest of us. But such is life. Our precious natural environment must be respected and preserved - not vandalized or otherwise abused. So if preventing human access is a way to protect these natural wonders, then so be it.

In addition, bats are critical to a healthy natural environment. They are facing numerous pressures, including from humans who don't understand or value their importance. So, again, if humans can't do the right thing, then the Forest Service must step in to help ensure these wonderful creatures are protected.

Sincerely,

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