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Comments: It appears time and again that not enough forethought by the White River National Forest managers is given to the sensitive nature of Bats, their habitat, caves and karst. Prescribed burns near and around caves can be very detrimental to bats especially if there is a high pressure weather system present at the time. I submit that much more scoping be implemented to identify these resources before any action is performed. Bats are a critical part of our ecosystem that must be protected at all cost. Thank you for your consideration.