

PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #19 Blacklog Mountain

COUNTY(IES) Fulton, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Snyder

APPROX. SIZE 151,650 acres

OWNERSHIP Public (State, Local), Private

REASON FOR SELECTION

- Supports significant populations of species or subspecies with specific habitat requirements
- Supports important core populations or population segments
- Sustains a confirmed viable local population of a Species of Greatest Conservation Need and the species or subspecies regularly occurs at the site during one or more seasons

DESCRIPTION

This large IMA extends over five counties in central PA, with approximately 65% located in SGL 81 and SGL 107. It is bisected by SR 522 at Shade Gap. Dominated by deciduous forest, it includes coniferous and mixed woodlands, as well as some grasslands.

MAMMAL NOTES

Although this large site is home to an array of mammal species, its designation is due to the recognition that it represents a stronghold for Allegheny woodrats. Populations at Blue Springs Cave and Lewistown Narrows have been monitored since 1986 and 1987, respectively.

CONSERVATION NOTES

The multiplicity of public and private owners suggests that this long ridge is protected to some degree, but is likely to be under continual threat from development based in the surrounding valleys.