

PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #29 Wyoming Valley
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COUNTY(IES) Luzerne

APPROX. SIZE 50,218 acres

OWNERSHIP Public (State)

REASON FOR SELECTION

- 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

The Wyoming Valley IMA extends on either side of the Susquehanna River south and southwest of Wilkes-Barre. The site includes two major mines (Shickshinny is west of the river in SGL 260 and Glen Lyon mine is east of the river on private land) and a railroad bridge under I 81. SGL 224 and 260 lie within this site.

MAMMAL NOTES

Bat species recorded at sites within this IMA include Indiana myotis and northern long-eared myotis.

CONSERVATION NOTES

The Shickshinny Mines are gated to protect hibernating bat populations. Resident bats are now threatened by White Nose Syndrome.