

PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #6 Long Run Mine
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COUNTY(IES) Armstrong, Butler

APPROX. SIZE 50,000 acres (includes surrounding habitats)

OWNERSHIP Private

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

This limestone mine is in the Buffalo Creek drainage. As currently delineated, the IMA is composed of a 5 mi-radius circle around the mine entrance. Critical habitat within this circle includes isolated woodlots interspersed with farms.

MAMMAL NOTES

This mine is inhabited by a colony of roughly 90,000 bats, including approximately 100 endangered Indiana bats. This site appears to house one of PA's largest concentrations of this Federally-endangered species. Little brown myotis and tri-colored bats (formerly eastern pipistrelles) also hibernate here. White Nose Syndrome currently threatens resident bats.

CONSERVATION NOTES

The mine entrance has been gated. Potential plans exist to strip coal from above the site, but negotiations continue for conservation of the section used by bats.