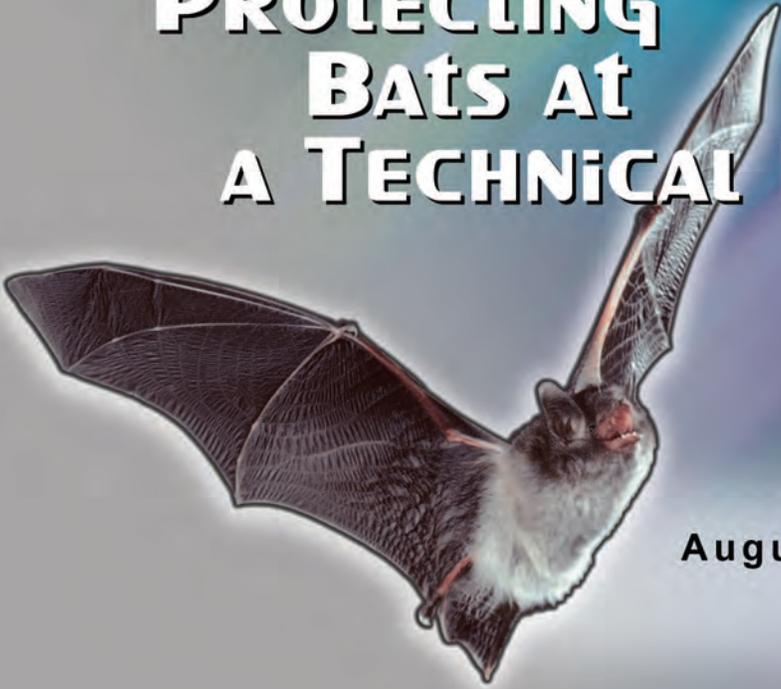


# PROTECTING BATS AT A TECHNICAL INTERACTIVE THREATENED COAL MINES FORUM



August 31 - September 3, 2010  
South Charleston, WV

**THIS FORUM WILL ASSESS  
THE IMPACT TO  
ALL HIBERNATING BAT SPECIES...**

...in the eastern half of the U.S. of the recent deadly outbreak and spread of a fungus, new to the North American continent, known as the White-nose Syndrome. The forum will also assess the effectiveness of the newly developed Range-wide Indiana Bat Protection and Enhancement Plan Guidelines for developing coal mining permits for an endangered bat species developed as a joint effort by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Office of Surface Mining, and the Interstate Mining Compact Commission. This forum is necessary to inform all of the affected states and agencies of the cooperative efforts that will be necessary to protect this important life form.



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## TOPICS COVERED:

- White-nose Syndrome Impacts on Bats and Mining
- Federal Efforts for the Recovery of the Indiana Bat
- Status of State Permitting/Recovery/Mitigation/Implementation Strategies
- Status of On the Ground Recovery Efforts
- Ongoing research Efforts and Research Needs



## STEERING COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Kimery Vories (**OSM MCR**) Forum Chairperson

Brian Loges (**OSM MCR**)

Craig Walker, Sammy Pugh (**OSM AR**)

Christy Johnson-Hughes, T.J. Miller (**FWS**)

Greg Conrad (**IMCC**)

Larry Lewis, Bill O'Leary (**Illinois**)

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Tony Elliot (**Missouri**)

Jerry Legg, Jon Lawson (**Virginia**)

Bob Fala, Cindy Lawson (**West Virginia**)

Dave Waldien, Mylea Bayless (**BCI**)

Bernie Rottman (**Industry**)

## WHO?

Representatives of State Regulatory Authorities, OSM, State Wildlife Agencies, USFWS, Industry, Consultants, and University experts concerned with protection of the Indiana bat associated with coal mining.

## WHERE?

Ramada Plaza  
400 Second Ave.  
S. Charleston, WV 25303

**PHONE:** 304-744-4641

**COST:** \$91 nightly rate plus tax

Room block reserved under OSM Bat Forum

## WHEN?

August 31 –September 3, 2010

## DURATION?

2 ½ day interactive forum with full day field trip

## How to REGISTER/GET INFO?

Online Registration will be available at:  
[www.dce.siu.edu](http://www.dce.siu.edu)

### REGISTRATION FEES:

Forum Only: \$175

Field Trip Only (Limit 120): \$50

For more information including registration and program details:

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