PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #5 CS & M Mine

COUNTY(IES) Lawrence

APPROX. SIZE 50,284 acres (includes surrounding habitats)

OWNERSHIP Private

REASON FOR SELECTION

- Supports significant populations of species or subspecies with specific habitat requirements
- Contains a rare, threatened, or unique habitat type important to mammals
- Includes a habitat type that supports significant aggregations of mammals during one or more seasons (IIA)
- 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 abandoned limestone mine is located near the town of Elwood City. Riparian habitat along the Beaver River is another focus of this site.

MAMMAL NOTES

This is a hibernation site for Indiana myotis (approximately 20 individuals when last surveyed), eastern small-footed myotis, and northern myotis. Approximately 31,000 little brown myotis also hibernate at the site

CONSERVATION NOTES

Funding has been secured for gating the mine. The mine has been surveyed for bats every other year since 2000. White Nose Syndrome now threatens resident bats.