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Live Action Bats on the Web

Wildlife biologist Howard Ferguson, with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, attended BCI's Bat Conservation and Management workshop in the Pacific Northwest in 1999. When he discovered a maternity colony of Townsend's big-eared bats (*Corynorhinus townsendii*—one of the rarest mammals in the Northwest) residing in an old log cabin near Spokane, he worked with the landowners to preserve the colony. Through grants from BCI, the North American Bat Conservation Partnership and other partners, Ferguson successfully protected the site and established a video monitoring system called the BatCam. To learn more about this colony and its conservation partners, visit:

www.wa.gov/wdfw/viewing/wildcam/batcam/batstory.htm.

Dr. Charles Braithwaite, of Lincoln, Nebraska, sent this link to the National Zoo in Washington D.C.: www.discovery.com/cams/bat/batmain.html. Their Bat Cam offers visitors an opportunity to view bats, live, from The Bat Cave where 400 bats reside in a tropical habitat.

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