

The Subterranean Bats Program

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Job Opportunity: Subterranean Specialist. BCI is seeking a subterranean specialist. [Read more...](#)

The Subterranean Program is deploying to help the USFS Region 3 AML Program remediate hazardous mine features north of Phoenix.

BCI's Subterranean Bats Program and its colleagues at Northern Arizona University are heading to southwestern Colorado to kick off a new season of field work for summer. Many partners who have helped prepare for this important effort.

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Conservation Issue

Abandoned mines throughout the United States provide homes for more than half of America's bat species – some shelter as many as 1 million bats. Unfortunately, these old mines often pose threats to human safety. While these mines must be managed and the threats to public safety reduced, their loss would be a critical threat to America's bats. And if mines are closed before being examined for use by bats, the bats can be entombed inside.

Despite greater awareness, largely due to BCI's pioneering Bats and Mines Program, some government and private managers lack the resources to effectively address bats in mines over large areas. Bats, meanwhile, are losing their natural habitat due to human disturbance and urbanization.





BCI's Subterranean Program is based in our western office in Tucson, Arizona, to allow us to work more effectively with regional partners and address abandoned-mine roosts throughout the American West.

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