

From Our Partners

“For over 20 years, Bat Conservation International has been a critical partner in endangered species recovery successes. They led highly successful efforts to save the endangered gray bat, and are now leading cave environment research and surveys to discover long abandoned Indiana bat caves where recolonization is possible with appropriate restoration. As a direct result of these efforts, major recovery is now occurring at several locations. Information resulting from this work will prove vital to the Fish and Wildlife Service Recovery Team in developing forthcoming actions under the Indiana Bat Recovery Plan.” – *Rick Clawson, Team Leader (Ret.), Indiana Bat Recovery Team*

“Restoration activities by the Kentucky Department of Parks (Carter Caves State Park) and Bat Conservation International have facilitated an increase in the numbers of wintering Indiana bats at Saltpetre Cave. Indiana bat totals have increased from a few tens in the 1980s to 475 in 1999; 1,225 in 2001; 3,100 in 2003; 6,088 in 2005; and 6,985 in 2007.” – *Virgil Lee Andrews, Field Supervisor, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Frankfort Kentucky Field Office*

“Bat Conservation International coordinated extensively with the USFWS Bloomington Field Office in developing their new program that targets the recovery of the Indiana bat. They have approached the development of this program with one overriding objective – to engage a wide variety of partners to effectively and collectively work toward the recovery of the Indiana bat. Engaging these partners in collaborative efforts will present big challenges, but also has the potential to provide big benefits to the species. I have been impressed with the expertise, dedication, and enthusiasm of the BCI staff working on this project and have great expectations for what the program will be able to accomplish. The beam break system that they propose has the potential to help in the investigation of WNS. Beyond WNS, the system has the potential to provide new insights into Indiana bat ecology and to improve our ability to assess Indiana bat populations.” – *Lori Pruitt, US Fish and Wildlife Service, Bloomington, Indiana Field Office*