

## How You Can Help

You can take an active role in our conservation efforts by contacting local range and wildlife managers, as well as landowners with horses or other livestock and explain the need for all water troughs to have [wildlife escape structures](#) and for minimizing obstructions to the water's surface. The following summary of conservation actions will help ensure that bats and other wildlife have safe and accessible access to live-giving water:

- Water troughs must have properly designed and placed escape structures and obstructions to the water's surface should be minimized where possible.
- The larger or longer the pooled water source, the better it is for bats. Where possible, try to provide at least eight feet of unobstructed water surface.
- Maintain consistent water availability and full water levels in troughs, ponds, etc., especially during the late spring through mid-summer bat maternity season and in times of drought.
- When natural resource managers are planning on installing water catchments for wildlife such as deer, elk, and gamebirds, request that they explore the possibility of making it bat accessible (as long as feasible and unobstructed).
- [Every donation counts!](#) Many steps in our Programs are made possible with timely donations of money and equipment from you – even small donations can make a huge difference in the success of a Program.

These and other recommendations, including plans for building and installing inexpensive and efficient wildlife escape structures can be found in the [Water for Wildlife Handbook](#), which is a free download. We look forward to your help in safeguarding bat populations for generations to come!