

Bats Are Dying

Millions of bats are dying in the eastern United States, due to the fungus that causes White Nose Syndrome (WNS) and the resulting health problems. Humans *may* play a role in spreading the WNS fungus between caves and other bat roost sites. We are asking for your help to prevent this fungus from infecting caves in the west.

Until we know more, the Western Bat Working Group asks you to take precautions when visiting caves.

Please do not use ANY gear or clothing that you have used in eastern caves/bat roosts when in the west. There is a risk that you could spread the fungus that can kill bats in these caves.

Please ensure ALL gear and clothing used in western caves and roosts has been cleaned and disinfected before entering any other caves/roosts in the west. Soaking equipment for at least 10 minutes in a 10% bleach solution, Lysol all-purpose professional cleaner, or Formula 409 is recommended.

If the risk to bats increases, access control may be necessary through:

Gating Caves

Guided access only

Permitted access only

Cave closures



Help us preserve recreational caving and bat species in the west.

For more information please contact the Western Bat Working Group at: <http://www.wbwg.org>