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BAT GATE DESIGN



On November 14-16, 2000, the Office of Surface Mining and Bat Conservation International cosponsored a technical interactive forum on Bat Conservation and Mining. One of the recommendations of the participants of that forum was to develop a manual on bat gate design.

On April 21, 2001, a multi-interest group bat gate design steering committee was formed under the co-sponsorship of the U.S. DOI Fish and Wildlife Service, Bat Conservation International, and the U.S. DOI Office of Surface Mining. The objective of the steering committee was to plan for and hold a technical interactive forum that would serve to develop, for distribution by the Fish and Wildlife Service, Bat Conservation International, and others, a manual on how to best protect important caves and underground mines used by bats through the use of gates and other bat friendly closure devices.

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The purpose of the forum is to provide:

- An organized format for discussion of issues concerning the design, construction, maintenance, and monitoring of bat friendly closures;
- Easily understood, state-of-the-art summary talks by knowledgeable speakers;
- A published proceedings both in hard copy and electronically that would serve as a manual on bat gate design;
- Access to the discussions for all interested parties at the forum.