

CONSERVATION STRATEGY

The Conservation Strategy is designed to provide natural resource managers, researchers, and graduate students with information and direction in the conservation needs of Colorado bats. The Strategy provides an overview of the most important issues identified for each species and for bats in general. The categories below include threats that either directly or indirectly impact the species or the habitats they depend on for survival, and methods and techniques typically used in bat related conservation studies. Once a category was identified, we then selected key issues, goals for each issue, objectives for each goal, and management and research needs to accomplish each objective. The major categories we identified are:

- Mining Impacts
- Cave Management Practices
- Rock Crevice Management Practices
- Forest and Woodland Management Practices
- Rangeland Management Practices
- Urban Development
- Bats and Disease
- Energy Development
- Guidance for Scientific Activities
- Considerations for Bat Roost Protection
- Species Status, Population Trends, and Monitoring
- Assessing Threats to Bat Species: The Colorado Bat Matrix
- Species Accounts

The conservation strategy is not intended to be a benchmark for what types of projects should be supported in the state. Nor is it a justification for not funding or supporting other types of research not specifically mentioned. Rather, it should provide assistance to resource managers and researchers given the limited funding and growing conservation needs for many species.

