

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PENNSYLVANIA IMPORTANT MAMMAL AREA #7</b> <b>US Steel Mine</b></p>
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**COUNTY(IES)**      Armstrong

**APPROX. SIZE**      52,911 acres (includes surrounding habitats)

**OWNERSHIP**      Public (State and Local), Private

**REASON FOR SELECTION**

- Includes a habitat type that supports significant aggregations of mammals during one or more seasons
- Supports important core populations or population segments
- Sustains a confirmed viable local population of a Species of Greatest Conservation Need and the species or subspecies regularly occurs at the site during one or more seasons

**DESCRIPTION**

This abandoned mine is located near Brady's Bend. The mine is approximately 6000 feet long and portions are flooded. The current IMA boundary is a 5 mi-radius circle around the entrance. Critical habitat within the circle includes riparian forest along the Allegheny River.

**MAMMAL NOTES**

Bat species recorded here include all six species known to hibernate in PA – big brown myotis, tri-colored bats (formerly eastern pipistrelles), little brown myotis, Indiana myotis, eastern small-footed myotis, and northern myotis. Of the estimated 12,000 bats occupying this site, most are little brown myotis.

**CONSERVATION NOTES**

The mine entrance has been gated. The PA Game Commission has control of access, but the threat of a break-in persists because the area has been a popular "party spot" in the past.

Hibernating bats are surveyed every other year. White Nose Syndrome now threatens resident bats.