

Use Flowchart 2 if your project is in NLEB/TCB Year-Round Areas (Zones 1 & 2)

Stressors to bats within 0.5 mi of a hibernaculum or Impacts to a karst feature that could impact a known hibernaculum?

YES → **OUTSIDE SCOPE OF THIS PBO**
Contact FWS Field Office for assistance

NO → **PERCUSSIVE ACTIVITIES**
Any to be conducted beyond 100' from road/rail surface during Pup Season?

YES → **OUTSIDE SCOPE OF THIS PBO**
Contact FWS Field Office for assistance

NO → **ARTIFICIAL LIGHTING**
Any new or additional temp or perm lighting at Project site?

YES → **Lighting**

NO → **BRIDGE, CULVERT, or STRUCTURE**
removal/replacement/alteration?

Lighting

Will any lighting be used during the bats' Active Season?

YES → **Will temporary lighting be used during construction?**

NO → **OUTSIDE SCOPE OF THIS PBO**
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Will temporary lighting be used during construction?

YES → **Will lighting be directed away from suitable habitat?**

NO → **Will permanent lighting (new or replacement) be installed?**

Will lighting be directed away from suitable habitat?

YES → **Temporary Lighting is NLAA bats**
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NO → **Will permanent lighting (new or replacement) be installed?**

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YES → **Will the lighting be substantially different than baseline light conditions?**

NO → **Permanent lighting will have NO EFFECT on bats.**
Continue to next section

Will the lighting be substantially different than baseline light conditions?

YES → **Will lighting be installed as described in AMM below? ***

NO → **OUTSIDE SCOPE OF THIS PBO**
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Will lighting be installed as described in AMM below? *

YES → **Lighting is NLAA bats**
Continue to next section

NO → **BRIDGE, CULVERT, or STRUCTURE**
removal/replacement/alteration?

BRIDGE, CULVERT, and Structure

Bridge/Culvert or Structure: Will work be performed during Inactive Season?

YES → **Are bats present during Inactive Season (i.e., hibernating)?**

NO → **Do > 5 bats use/assumed to use the bridge/culvert or structure during Active Season?**

Are bats present during Inactive Season (i.e., hibernating)?

YES → **Are bats likely to be disturbed or killed during project activities?**

NO → **Will bridge/culvert/structure remain suitable for roosting?**

Do > 5 bats use/assumed to use the bridge/culvert or structure during Active Season?

YES → **Are bats likely to be disturbed or killed during project activities?**

NO → **Will bridge/culvert/structure remain suitable for roosting?**

Are bats likely to be disturbed or killed during project activities?

YES → **OUTSIDE SCOPE OF THIS PBO**
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NO → **Will bridge/culvert/structure remain suitable for roosting?**

Will bridge/culvert/structure remain suitable for roosting?

YES → **Bridge/Culvert or Structure work is NLAA bats²**
Continue to TREE REMOVAL section

NO → **Are bats (none or ≤5) likely to be disturbed or killed during Project activities?**

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YES → **OUTSIDE SCOPE OF THIS PBO**
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NO → **Bridge/Culvert or Structure work is LAA a small # of bats²**
Continue to TREE REMOVAL section

Will bridge/culvert/structure remain suitable for roosting?

YES → **Bridge/Culvert or Structure work is NLAA bats²**
Continue to TREE REMOVAL section

NO → **OUTSIDE SCOPE OF THIS PBO**
Contact FWS Field Office for assistance

Did inspection show evidence of bats or are bats assumed present?

YES → **Will bridge/culvert/structure remain suitable for roosting?**

NO → **Bridge/Culvert or Structure work is NLAA bats²**
Continue to TREE REMOVAL section

Was an assessment completed?

YES → **Is it w/in 1,000' of suitable habitat?¹**

NO → **Are bats likely to be disturbed or killed during project activities?³**

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YES → **Does culvert meet minimum dimensions or is project a bridge or structure?**

NO → **Are bats likely to be disturbed or killed during project activities?³**

Does culvert meet minimum dimensions or is project a bridge or structure?

YES → **Bridge/Culvert or Structure work will have NO EFFECT on bats**

NO → **Are bats likely to be disturbed or killed during project activities?³**

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YES → **OUTSIDE SCOPE OF THIS PBO**
Contact FWS Field Office for assistance

NO → **Bridge/Culvert or Structure work will have NO EFFECT on bats**

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    Start([Start]) --> Q1{Tree Removal / Trimming activities?}
    Q1 -- YES --> Q2{In documented bat habitat?}
    Q1 -- NO --> E1([Tree Removal / Trimming will have NO EFFECT on bats  
END OF FLOWCHART])
    Q2 -- YES --> Q3{Will work be performed during Pup Season?}
    Q2 -- NO --> Q4{Was a P/A survey conducted?}
    Q3 -- YES --> E2([OUTSIDE SCOPE OF THIS PBO  
Contact FWS Field Office for assistance  
END OF FLOWCHART])
    Q3 -- NO --> E3([Tree Removal / Trimming is LAA bats²  
END OF FLOWCHART])
    Q4 -- YES --> Q5{IBAT, NLEB or TCB captured?}
    Q4 -- NO --> Q6{Will work be performed during bats' Active Season?}
    Q5 -- YES --> Q3
    Q5 -- NO --> E4([Tree Removal / Trimming is NLAA bats²  
END OF FLOWCHART])
    Q6 -- YES --> Q7{Will work be performed during Pup Season?}
    Q6 -- NO --> Q8{Is all work within 100' of existing road/rail surface?}
    Q7 -- YES --> E2
    Q7 -- NO --> Q8
    Q8 -- YES --> Q9{Are all trees to be impacted < 9" DBH?}
    Q8 -- NO --> E3
    Q9 -- YES --> E3
    Q9 -- NO --> E2
  
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The flowchart outlines the decision process for tree removal or trimming activities. It starts with a decision on whether the activity is planned. If yes, it checks if the area is a documented bat habitat. If not, it concludes that there will be no effect on bats. If yes, it checks if work will be done during the pup season. If yes, it's outside the PBO scope. If no, it checks if a P/A survey was conducted. If yes, it checks if bats (IBAT, NLEB, or TCB) were captured. If yes, it checks if work will be done during the pup season. If yes, it's outside the PBO scope. If no, it checks if work is within 100 feet of a road or rail surface. If yes, it checks if all trees to be impacted are less than 9 inches in diameter at breast height (DBH). If yes, it's outside the PBO scope. If no, it's outside the PBO scope. If no at any point, it concludes that the activity is NLAA (Not Likely to Affect) bats.

<https://www.fws.gov/media/range-wide-indiana-bat-and-northern-long-eared-bat-survey-guidelines>

New/additional lighting will be installed or existing lighting will be replaced using downward-facing, full cut-off lens lights (with same intensity or less for replacement lighting); or for those Transportation Agencies using the BUG system developed by the Illuminating Engineering Society, lighting is to be as close to 0 for all three ratings with a priority of "uplight" of 0 and "backlight" as low as practicable.

² Must implement applicable AMMs in the PBO User's Guide (Appendix C): <https://www.fws.gov/sites/default/files/documents/2024-12/appendix-c-avoidance-and-minimization-measures-december-2024.pdf>

³ If no assessment was completed, it is assumed that >5 bats are using the bridge/culvert/structure during Active Season.