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2008 Special Autumn Appeal

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The generosity of donors who responded to the Nongame Program's 2008 Autumn Appeal allowed biologists to begin surveying all known mines and caves where bats hibernate to determine whether or not White Nose Syndrome (WNS) is present in New Hampshire. WNS is a recently discovered condition that affects bats in the caves and mines where they hibernate. It is a serious problem because it nearly always fatal to bats.

Early detection of WNS is critical to try and control the spread of the disease and protect New Hampshire's bat population before it is too late. Unfortunately, this work turned up more bad news for our bats. Bat researchers monitoring New Hampshire's hibernating bats have found

signs of WNS in bats at two mines and reports of flying bats at other locations. When bats leave hibernation during the winter months, it is a likely indication of WNS. We deeply appreciate the Nongame Program donations that allowed us to accomplish this important monitoring.

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