



**Cave Conservation and Management Section of the National Speleological Society
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Dr. Jeremy Coleman
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Dear Dr. Coleman:

The Cave Conservation and Management Section (Section) of the National Speleological Society (NSS) is providing the attached list of experts as potential candidates for your consideration to serve on the Working Groups outlined in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife draft document "A National Plan for Assisting States, Federal Agencies, and Tribes in Managing White-Nose Syndrome in Bats."

The Section met with you on August 3, 2010 in Essex Junction, Vermont during our annual meeting. At this meeting, you outlined elements of the draft plan and an anticipated schedule for its release and implementation. You pointed out that the draft plan calls for establishing seven Working Groups to coordinate activities addressing the elements deemed critical for success. Our discussion identified the need to involve experts from across the nation to provide experience and expertise within the Working Groups. The Section volunteered to canvas the NSS membership to identify experts willing to serve in such capacity. The attached list provides the names and contact information of NSS members recommended for the Working Groups. Please contact these individuals directly to obtain further information and to discuss the required work.

Thank you for meeting with us last August, and we look forward to working with you as the plan is finalized and implemented. We sincerely hope that the worst impacts of White Nose Syndrome are already realized and that future impacts of the disease can be minimized. Please contact me if there are questions regarding this list or if additional discussion is necessary. My telephone number is (605) 745-1158.

Sincerely,

Rodney D. Horrocks
Chairman, NSS Cave Conservation and Management Section

Cc: Peter Youngbaer, NSS WNS Liaison

Attachment: List of Recommended Experts

**NSS EXPERTS
RECOMMENDED FOR
U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE
WNS NATIONAL RESPONSE PLAN
WORKING GROUPS**

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