

# Kitson Bat Habitat

## Bath House becomes Bat House

Project made possible through the Secure Rural Schools and Communities Self-Determination Act.

Large numbers of bats are using the basement of an old, burned-down bath house at Kitson Hot Springs, located on Boy Scout property and surrounded by Forest land. The site is a significant seasonal roosting site for several bat species including Townsend's Big Ear and Little Brown bats.

The project put steel 'shutters' on doors and windows to help protect bats from predators and curious people. It also cleaned up harmful debris, improved riparian habitat and enabled some monitoring of the site.

*This bunker-type structure was all that remained of the original bath house constructed in the early 1900's.*



*This Townsend's Big Ear bat resides in the now much cleaner and safer Kitson bath house basement.*

- **Total Project Cost:** About \$12,700
- **Title II Funding:** \$4,648
- **Other Funding:** Forest Service, Boy Scout, Volunteer Caretakers
- **Employed:** Forest Service Work Crew
- **Type of Project:** Wildlife Habitat Restoration
- **County:** Lane
- **Year Awarded:** 2002



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