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BLM's Bat Beauty Contest Returns for Spooky Season

WASHINGTON — As spooky season takes flight, the Bureau of Land Management is inviting the public to celebrate Bat Week by voting in its annual Bat Beauty Contest, in partnership with [Bat Conservation International](#)! From adorable faces to impressive ears, bats found on public lands across the country are ready to compete for the title of the nation's most beautiful bat.

The contest runs October 24-31, giving the public a chance to meet some of the fascinating bats that call America's public lands home. Follow on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) to see this year's contestants, cast your vote, and help crown the winner on Halloween.

While these winged wonders are perfect for spooky season fun, bats play an important role in healthy ecosystems. They help control insect populations, pollinate plants, and disperse seeds, making them valuable residents of public lands across the country.

The Bat Beauty Contest is a fun way to shine a spotlight on these often-misunderstood animals and encourage the public to learn more about the wildlife and habitats found on public lands.

For more information and contest updates, follow the BLM on social media.

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