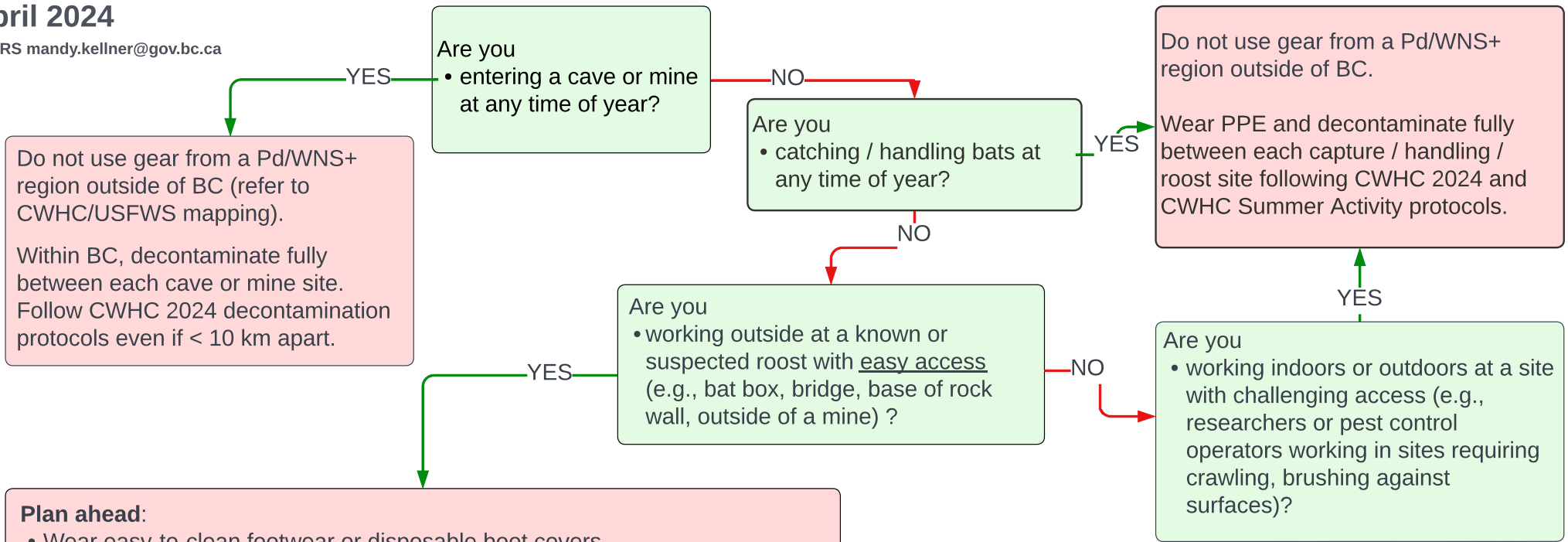


BC WNS Decontamination Protocol

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Plan ahead:

- Wear easy-to-clean footwear or disposable boot covers
- Wear nitrile gloves
- Have accessible decontamination supplies and garbage bags/bins to contain "dirty" materials until they can be decontaminated

Clean and decontaminate "dirty" surfaces upon leaving each site:

- brush off dirt from any material that contacted the site ("dirty" surfaces)
- take off boot covers then follow de-gloving procedures and dispose of gloves / boot covers
- decontaminate all "dirty" surfaces (e.g., soles of shoes if you did not wear boot covers, the brush you used) with
 - full submersion in 55+C hot water for > 5 min OR
 - submersion or thorough spritzing with
 - 10 % bleach solution OR
 - 50-70% isopropyl alcohol OR
 - 3 % hydrogen peroxide OR
 - other approved antifungal
- (see CWHC 2024 and USGS 2024).

If in doubt, be conservative and decontaminate!



CWHC 2024
[https://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/docs/bat_health/WNS%20Decontamination%20protocol%20\(English\)%2020240306.pdf](https://www.cwhc-rcsf.ca/docs/bat_health/WNS%20Decontamination%20protocol%20(English)%2020240306.pdf)

CWHC Summer Activities
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USGS 2024
<https://s3.us-west-2.amazonaws.com/prod-is-cms-assets/wns/prod/669f6310-dd5e-11ee-9008-8dbb177a1768-March2024-%20revised%20WNS%20Decon%20Protocol%20-%20Final.pdf>

