

Karner Blue Butterfly Citizen-Based Monitoring Program
CONFIDENTIALITY FORM
Regarding Locations of Rare Species

Rare species are endangered for many reasons. Habitat loss, disease and invasive species are often pointed to as leading causes, but in some cases, collection of a plant or animal has led to its rarity. In order to preserve our rarest species and their habitats, it is important to maintain the confidentiality of their locations. Karner Blue Butterfly (KBB) Monitoring Program volunteers are privileged to work directly with this species and its host plant, but this privilege brings with it the responsibility to keep the information confidential.

I understand that all information must be kept secure. I agree not to reveal the location of any rare species to others who are not involved in the monitoring, ownership, or legitimate management of the site(s) where I monitor. Any person who assists me with my monitoring assignment will have pre-approval from the KBB Monitoring Program staff, and/or the landowner/land manager. Any person who assists me will also sign this confidentiality agreement. I also agree not to remove or destroy any material from the sites where I monitor.

I understand that as a volunteer with the Karner Blue Butterfly Citizen-Based Monitoring Program I am acting as an agent of the State and therefore covered for incidental take of the butterfly when conducting surveys. If I become aware of any immediate threat to the population, I will notify, without delay, the land manager or Karner Blue Butterfly Monitoring Program staff.

PRINT NAME: _____ Date: _____

Signature: _____

This document is permanent. It only needs to be signed once regardless of the number of years or sites you monitor for the Karner Blue Monitoring Program. This agreement remains in place even if you terminate your monitoring. A copy of this form will be kept on file with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.