

Colorado Cave Survey Meeting
6:00 pm, Saturday, February 9, 2013
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Meeting Agenda and Minutes

USFS Region 2 – New Closure Order

Comments were sent to the USFS Region 2 regarding their proposed NEPA Environmental Assessment for an “adaptive cave management plan”. We will review these comments and discuss whether further actions are needed.

Update on written authorization (not permit) cave access to USFS caves in 2013.

Colorado Cave Survey Files

The work to reorganize, catalog, and create a digital archive of the CCS files is complete. There is a small stack of documents that were removed from the files because they probably don't belong. There are also some original survey notes of Wind Cave that should probably be donated to WICA. Finally, there is a rather large stack of duplicate material (mostly maps and newsletters) that should be recycled or donated to grottos. This material should be reviewed by the CCS membership before purging from the files.

Discussion needed on long-term archiving strategies, standards for contributing material, and handling of requests for copyrighted material. Also, looking for someone interested in leading an effort to make the content of the files more comprehensive (e.g. collect missing publications, solicit survey data and maps from cavers, etc.).

Previously members of NCG proposed opening full access to the files to all grotto members. We also began a discussion on possible locations for keeping the physical files to allow better access for cavers. No decisions were made on these items but further discussion can take place.

Motion: Provide a copy of the CCS Files to each CCS representative for use at their respective grotto meetings. This will be used to allow grotto members to view the contents of the files only. Any distribution of the contents of the files must still be approved by a vote of the CCS (as stipulated in the bylaws). If the representative vacates their post they must pass the information on to their replacement or return it to the CCS Chair in a timely manner.

9 votes for, 1 against

LaSunder Cave Management Plan

The final work trip planned for LaSunder happened in August and human impact photo monitoring was conducted. A final report was sent to the BLM along with recommended changes to the management plan that were discussed during past CCS meetings. A temporary management plan agreement extension was signed to allow time to review these longer-term plan changes.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife Bat Surveys

Biologists with CPW have been conducting external and internal bat surveys as well as using data loggers to collect bat acoustic and microclimate information from various caves and mines around the state. They periodically request help from the caving community to lead these trips. Discuss issues and opportunities to contribute to these survey efforts.

CCS Managed Caves

Groaning Cave

Discuss management plan renewal, reinstating annual reports, waiver management, etc.

LaSunder Cave

Summary of 2012 trips. Review new access rules for 2013.

Fly and Marble Caves

Lock issues. Emergency bolt cutters or hacksaw for Fly.

The access management team is:

Rick Rhinehart (liability waiver coordinator)

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Lydia Reynolds

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Jonny Slumpff

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Active Committee Reports

Colorado Cave Archive

Goal: Plan a system for creating a comprehensive, centralized repository of cave and karst data for Colorado which will be actively supported and maintained for the foreseeable future. The database would be intended to promote preservation of cave and karst resources and to encourage science, exploration, and recreation.

Committee members:

Carl Bern (Chair)

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Stuart Marlatt

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Steve Reames

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“I think its time to officially decommission the Colorado Cave Archive Committee. The political nature of the CCS always posed a challenge to creating a theoretically apolitical entity like the CCA was intended to be. Creating a firewall between the two was always going to be a challenge from both a practical and perception standpoint. In the current WNS-shaped landscape, the task just does not seem realistic. It's still my opinion that Colorado needs something like the CCA, but linking it to the CCS is a recipe for failure.” – Carl Bern

Motion: The Colorado Cave Archive committee will be dissolved. The goal of establishing a cave database or archive is better left to other organizations.

Motion passes – 8 votes in favor, 2 abstain

Clear Creek Canyon Project

Goal: Develop a relationship with Jefferson County Open Space regarding cave management and promote exploration and conservation in Clear Creek Canyon.

Project members:

Kevin Manley (chair)

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Dan Castellari

cavesr4all@yahoo.com

Dave Lambert

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Topics from the floor

David Gnuse has requested a copy of the Fairy Cave map from the CCS files for use in general exploration.

This was discussed and voted on. Only 10 of 14 voting members or proxy votes were in attendance, but the issue was approved unanimously (10 votes for), meeting the 2/3 needed.

Officer Elections

It's time again for officer elections. Dave Lambert will not be running for Vice Chair in 2013, and Kevin Manley has expressed a burning desire to fill that role. Anyone else interested in taking a turn at serving your fellow cavers is encouraged to run for one of the two offices.

The following tickets were discussed and put forward:

Ticket 1 – Derek Bristol (Chair) and Kevin Manley (Vice Chair) – 8 votes

Ticket 2 – Derek Bristol (Chair) and Jim Lawton (Vice Chair) – 2 votes

Derek Bristol and Kevin Manley are elected for 2013.

Next meeting

This will likely be in May-June, 2013. Any offers to host?

Officers of the Colorado Cave Survey

Chair Derek Bristol derekbristol@comcast.net
Vice-Chair Kevin Manley manleyk@colorado.edu

Voting Membership of the Colorado Cave Survey

(Please inform the Survey of any changes at your respective grottos.)

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Cave Survey Communication

The Colorado Cave Survey maintains an extensive website at:
www.coloradocavesurvey.org

A Google group is maintained for making announcements and discussing CCS business. An email sent to the group automatically goes out to everyone subscribed. For those interested, this is the best way to keep apprised of what is going on with the CCS. A person can unsubscribe without assistance whenever he or she wishes. To subscribe, please email derekbristol@comcast.net