

## **APPENDIX C**

### **Guidelines for Cave Digging Projects**

- 1. All digging must be approved by BLM prior to the activity beginning.*
- 2. Proposals for digging must be submitted to the BLM in writing and approved by the Area Manager.*
- 3. Proposals must include the following points;*
  - a. Location of dig and surface and subsurface maps,*
  - b. Reasons for conducting the dig (geologic and physical evidence that suggests the dig and location will be productive),*
  - c. An operation **plan** (how the dig will be conducted, anticipated personnel, anticipated scheduling, disposal of spoils, mitigations),*
  - d. Safety concerns and practices in accordance with appropriate requirements to be followed by digging participants.*
- 4. All digging proposals will be screened for possible conflicts with other resources, i.e. paleontology, archeology, biology, resource degradation, etc.*
- 5. A report will be submitted to BLM within five days after each digging event describing the progress and any safety concerns or efforts. Any new discoveries will be reported within 24 hours. All injuries will be reported to the BLM immediately.*
- 6. **NO** blasting or explosive devices will be used in digging operations.*
- 7. All new discoveries will be surveyed as they are explored. Copies of all survey notes and sketches will be made available to BLM within 14 days.*
- 8. Management needs and recommendations will be discussed with BLM for inclusion in a management plan.*