

APPLICATION FOR CAVE ENTRANCE PERMIT(S)

NOTE: Antelope cave use is permitted from October 1 to March 31 only. It is closed during the summer months to protect a maternity colony of Townsends Big Eared Bats.

Including Trip Leader, Minimum Group Size Is Three People

Complete and return to the appropriate address-allow two weeks for processing.

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Alternate Dates

A. Cave Name(S) and Intended Use 2nd Choice 3rd Choice
Interior Destination(s) Date

B. Person(s) to be Contacted in Case of an Emergency:

Name, Address, Zip, Area Code, Day and Night Phone Numbers

C. Trip Leader (Must be 18 years or older)

***Names, Addresses, Phone Numbers Of Other People Who Will Enter The Cave(s):

- 2. _____
- 3. _____
- 4. _____
- 5. _____
- 6. _____
- 7. _____
- 8. _____
- 9. _____
- 10. _____

***The consent of a parent or legal guardian is required for all individuals under 18 years of age who will not be accompanied on the proposed cave trip by their parent or legal guardian. Please complete Consent Section on the next page of this application.

D. Purpose of Visit: Recreation _ Photography _ Education _
Research _ Inventory _ Mapping _ Administrative _
Other: Describe _____

E. Parental or Legal Guardian Consent

As part of the application to enter the cave(s) administered by the Bureau of Land Management, I consent to allow my child to participate in the proposed cave trip. The trip leader named on this application form is delegated the responsibility for the care and instruction of my child while he or she is in the cave(s). By my signature on this form, I also agree on behalf of my child to be bound by the permit General Conditions and any Special Stipulations that will apply to authorization for the cave visit.

CHILD'S NAME AND AGE (PRINT)

SIGNATURE OF PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN

1. _____

2. _____

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HAZARDS AND SPECIAL STIPULATIONS
ANTELOPE CAVE

GENERAL HAZARDS:

All undeveloped caves, by their very nature, contain some hazards. Make your trip a safe and enjoyable one by being prepared and careful.

Just about all caves contain some hazards which are common to the underground environment, such as loose rocks, low ceilings, low tight passages, slippery surfaces, and unstable and uneven floors. Be prepared by wearing the proper clothes and carrying the proper equipment, following safety hints, staying within your groups capabilities, and using common sense.

Specific Hazards described below are those which are known by BLM, but additional hazards due to natural causes could have occurred since the last time the cave was inspected.

SPECIFIC HAZARDS:

1. The floor of the main trunk (entrance) passage can become very slippery in wet weather.
2. There are many hazardous pits in the cave.
3. Many areas have low ceilings.
4. Mažè type passages may cause confusion and lack of orientation.
5. One of the rooms has been called "The Mouse Room" since the early 70's for the presence of small white-footed mice. Whether or not they may be carrying the Hantavirus is not known but cave users should be aware.

SPECIAL STIPULATIONS:

1. Maximum group size in this cave is limited to 10 people, including the group leader.
2. Only one group may use the cave at any one time.
3. No renewable or nonrenewable resources--either plant, animal or mineral--shall be collected from this cave.
4. No one shall intentionally deface any natural surface in the cave. No writing on the walls or using spray paint.
5. Overnight camping, firearms, and open fires (except carbide lamps) are prohibited in this cave. Gas or propane lanterns are also prohibited.
6. No smoking inside the cave.
7. At times sections of this cave may be blocked off with flagging tape to protect cave studies. Please do not enter these blocked off areas.
8. Avoid contact with bats; **DO NOT ANNOY OR DISTURB BATS AT ANY TIME.**

GENERAL CONDITIONS (Continued):

5. This authorization is issued only for the time period specified on the face of this permit. It is revocable for any breach of conditions hereof, or at the discretion of the Authorized Officer of the Bureau of Land Management at any time upon notice.

6. Permittees shall exercise diligence in protection from damage of the land and property of the United States covered by this authorization, and shall pay the United States for any damage resulting from negligence or from the violation of the terms of this authorization or of any law or regulations applicable to public lands.

7. Permittees agree as a condition precedent to the issuance of this authorization, to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the United States and/or its agencies and representatives against and from any and all demands, claims, or liabilities of every nature whatsoever including, but not limited to, damages to property, injuries to or death of persons arising directly or indirectly from or connected in any way with the use and occupancy of the lands and cave(s) described on this authorization.

8. All materials (flagging tape, litter, etc.) taken into the cave(s) by the Permittees must be removed and properly disposed of at the end of each cave visit. Food should not be taken into the cave. Defecating or urinating inside the cave is prohibited. Take a plastic bottle or bag.

9. All pets are prohibited from entering cave(s).

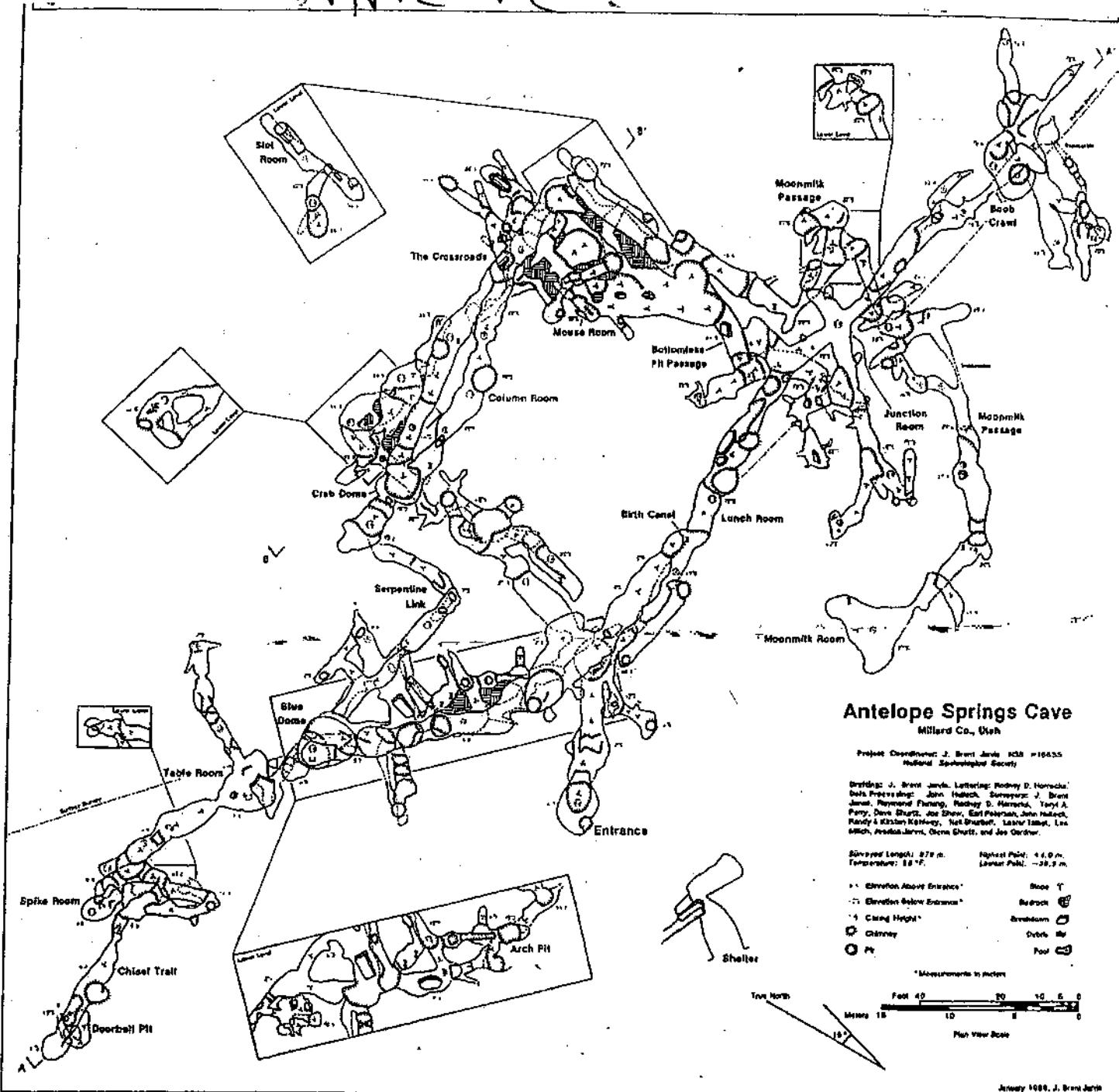
10. The gate lock is to be secured while permittees are in the cave (secure the lock but don't lock yourself in) and before they depart from the cave area. Mechanical problems with locks will be promptly reported to the authorizing officer.

POST-TRIP COMMENTS: _____

YOU MUST RETURN THIS FORM WITHIN 5 DAYS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE CAVE TRIP.
Failure to return this form may jeopardize the issuance of future cave permits.

Return this form even if the trip is canceled.

Antelope Cave



pit has been descended and reported to be a drop of about 28 ft with a ledge approximately 10 ft down. At the bottom is a "medium-sized" room with a flat floor. Small passages leading off need enlargement by digging before entry is possible. It is felt that this pit and Bitterroot Cave would connect at depth if dug out.

Bitterroot Cave is the premier House Range dig. The bedrock is Dome limestone, the same as for

Antelope Springs Cave. The map of this small cave has not been drawn from survey notes.

Black Blob Cave

One runs out of names to describe the various aspects and appearances of packrat leavings. In Black Blob Cave, there is a slope of jet black solidified rat urine that has a bulbous appearance,