

26-505 Mill Creek Sink Property Donation 3-20-04, 10-18-03, 3-16-96, 11-7-92
The NSS Mill Creek Sink Nature Preserve, Alachua County, Florida, shall be managed by the Cave Diving Section of the NSS, reporting to the Administrative Vice-President through the Cave Ownership and Management Committee.

26-511 Schoharie Nature Preserve Committee 3-20-04, 4-17-93
The Schoharie Nature Preserve Committee shall consist of the Chairman, one representative elected or appointed from each grotto in the Northeastern Regional Organization (NRO) and a NSS member representative elected or appointed from any of the Canadian caving groups that the committee may deem appropriate. The committee will function in accordance with the Schoharie Nature Preserve Management Plan (See Appendix F). This Committee reports to the Cave Ownership and Management Committee.

26-515 Boy Scouts of America Guidelines 8-2-93
Any caving group conducted under the auspices of the Boy Scout of America using NSS-owned or managed properties is required to adhere to guidelines published in the BSA Leader's Handbook, the BSA Venture Caving Handbook, and the NSS Youth Caving brochure.

26-577 NSS Nature Preserves Committee 3-20-04, 11-2-96
The NSS Nature Preserves Committee is established in the department of the Administrative Vice President. This committee shall manage all caves and karst lands owned by the NSS. All nature management committees established to manage NSS-owned and managed cave and karst properties and NSS Nature Preserves shall report to this committee. Caves owned, leased, or otherwise controlled by the NSS may be designated Nature Preserves of the NSS by the Administrative Vice President.

All Society nature properties shall be managed in such a way as to minimize the Society's liability in case of accident. Specifically, all properties shall be managed in such ways as to qualify under state or local landowner liability exemption laws; to legally define unauthorized visitors as trespassers under local law; and to inform authorized visitors of the hazardous nature of the property by requiring them to sign a liability release.

26-578 NSS Cave and Karst Acquisition Committee 11-06-04, 3-20-04, 11-2-96
The NSS Cave and Karst Acquisition Committee is established in the department of the Administrative Vice President. This committee shall develop criteria for determining if a cave or karst land is suitable for ownership by the NSS, or deserving of NSS support for acquisition by an NSS internal organization or other responsible cave-interested group. Cave acquisition is defined as acquiring control of a cave or karst land by purchase, lease, easement, donation, or other contractual means. This committee shall study and make recommendations to the Board on proposals to acquire or manage new cave or karst properties and shall encourage Conservancies and other cave-interested groups to actively seek to identify caves suitable for acquisition.

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- 26-585 Criteria For NSS Cave Ownership 3-21-98, 3-22-97
Criteria for evaluating a property for ownership is approved. (See Appendix L)
- 26-599 Cave Acquisition Policy 6-23-97
The Cave Acquisition Criteria Policy is adopted. (See Appendix L)
- 26-600 Tytoona Cave 6-23-97
The NSS agrees to acquire the Tytoona Cave property in Pennsylvania from the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy for \$3000.00, subject to the terms of a Conservation Easement that the NSS will sell to Western Pennsylvania Conservancy. The \$3000.00 will come from the Cave Acquisition Fund. The Cave Management Plan will be subject to NSS Board approval.
- 26-634 Pautler Cave 7-12-99
The NSS shall donate up to \$5000.00 from the Cave Acquisition Fund towards the purchase of Pautler Cave, Monroe County, Illinois, by the Karst Conservancy of Illinois.
- 26-645 Draft Management Plan Requirement 10-23-99
NSS Internal Organizations, Conservancies, or Institutional Members that apply to the NSS for loans or grants to buy or lease property containing caves shall submit a draft Management Plan for the proposed cave property in accordance with BOARD OF GOVERNORS MANUAL Appendix L: Cave Acquisition Criteria Policy and Appendix Z: Outline for Writing a Cave Management Plan.
- 26-657 Billy Clay Pit 3-20-04, 3-18-00
The NSS shall provide a grant of up to \$5,000. from the Cave Acquisition Restricted Fund to the MidAtlantic Karst Conservancy towards the purchase of Billy Clay Pit and associated property, Pocahontas County, West Virginia.
- 26-697 Tytoona Nature Preserve Management Committee 3-20-04, 4-7-01
The Tytoona Nature Preserve Management Committee is established in the Department of the AVP. This Committee is responsible for enforcing both NSS and Tytoona Nature Preserve access guidelines, as per Appendix F (Management Plan for Tytoona Nature Preserve).
- 26-701 McClungs Cave 7-27-01
The NSS shall provide a grant of \$5,000 from the Cave Acquisition Restricted Fund to the West Virginia Cave Conservancy towards the purchase of the Lightner=s entrance of McClungs Cave and associated property, Greenbrier County, West Virginia.
- 26-702 Sellecks Karst Preserve 7-27-01
The NSS shall provide a grant of \$5000 from the Cave Acquisition Restricted Fund to the Northeastern Cave Conservancy Inc. toward the purchase of the Sellecks Karst Preserve in Schoharie County, New York.
- 26-709 Warren Nature Preserve Land Survey 3-20-04, 10-20-01
Up to \$1000 is allocated from the current year=s income from the Cave Preserves Fund to re-survey the Warren Nature Preserve and place monuments as needed.
- 26-710 Geo-Caches in NSS-Owned Caves 3-23-02
Geo-Caches are not permitted in or near caves owned by the NSS. Preserve managers finding geo-caches in NSS caves are directed to remove them. Placement of geo-caches on NSS preserves, excluding the caves, is left to the discretion of the preserve manager.
- 26-729 Wells Nature Preserve 3-20-04, 10-5-02

The Wells Nature Management Plan is approved and the NSS Administrative Vice President is authorised to accept the property as an NSS Nature Preserve.

- 26-731 Great Expectations Cave Acquisition 10-5-02
The NSS President is authorized to take those actions necessary to acquire the upper entrance to Great Expectations Cave (Great EX) in Wyoming provided the purchase price does not exceed \$220,000. The NSS requests the NSF provide a loan of up to \$220,000 from the NSS-NSF Trust Fund Attachment A, Life Membership Fund. The Secretary-Treasurer is authorized to enter into a loan agreement on behalf of the NSS as required to finance the purchase. The President will employ a local attorney to review all documents and provide other services as required. It is the resolution of the Board that if the NSS acquires Great EX Cave that the cave not be transferred to any other entity.
- 26-735 Great Expectations Cave Management Plan 3-15-03
The Great Expectations Cave Management Plan is approved.
- 26-736 Great Expectations Nature Preserve Management Committee 3-20-04, 3-15-03
The Great Expectations Nature Preserve Management Committee is established in the Department of the AVP. The committee is responsible for effectively managing the preserve according to the Great X Management Plan.
- 26-740 Potter Nature Preserve 3-5-05, 3-20-04, 3-15-03
The Administrative Vice President is authorised to accept the Potter Unit donation as an NSS Nature Preserve following his approval of the donation documents. The proposed nature preserve is located in Cherokee County, Oklahoma. Mr. Dennis Potter and Mr. Kenneth D. Potter are made Life Members of the NSS in consideration of this generous donation.
- 26-742 Kipuka Kanohina Cave 8-4-03
The NSS shall provide a grant of \$5000 from the Cave Acquisition Restricted Fund to the Cave Conservancy of Hawaii for the purchase of Kula Kai Estates Subdivision, LOT #63 overlaying Kipuka Kanohina Cave.
- 26-745 Millcreek Nature Preserve Management Plan 7-27-07:26, 3-20-04, 10-18-03
The June 2007 Millcreek Nature Preserve Management Plan is approved.
- 26-746 Wayne Cave 10-18-03
The NSS shall provide a grant of \$5,000 from the Cave Acquisitions Restricted Fund to the Indiana Karst Conservancy to support their purchase of Wayne Cave, Monroe County, Indiana.
- 26-749 Potter Brothers Unit Management Plan 03-20-04
The Potter Brothers Unit Management Agreement between the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and the NSS and the Potter Brothers Unit Management Plan is approved.
- 26-750 Geocaching Committee 03-20-04
The Geocaching Committee is established in the Department of the Administrative Vice President, Conservation Division. The purpose of the committee is to address the potential and recurring situation of placing geocaches in sensitive and potentially dangerous caves in addition to preventing cave locations being posted on the Internet.
- 26-752 NSS Nature Preserves 3-20-04

All NSS properties are renamed substituting ANature Preserve≅ for ACave Preserve≅ or Caverns Preserve≅. All Acts, Appendices, and committees are amended replacing ACave Preserve≅ or ACaverns Preserve≅ with ANature Preserve≅. The NSS requests the NSF amend Appendix G of the NSS Trust Funds contract to substitute Nature Preserve≅ for Cave Preserve≅.

- 26-754 John Guilday Caves Nature Preserve Management Plan 11-6-04
The revised management plan for the John Guilday Caves Nature Preserve, dated November 2, 2004, is adopted.
- 26-760 Robinson Ladder Cave Preserve 07-08-05
The NSS grants \$5000.00 from the Cave Acquisition Fund to the Indiana Karst Conservancy, Inc. to support their purchase of Robinson Ladder Cave Preserve, Crawford Co., Indiana.
- 26-779 Dorothy D. Pruett Trust 08-07-06:16
The \$18,298.83 bequest received from the Dorothy D. Pruett Trust shall be used to fund a matching grant to help retire the Great X mortgage.
- 26-785 Richard Blenz - Buckner Cave Property 07-27-07:4, 5, 6
The Richard J. Blenz Buckner Cave property donation is accepted as a NSS Nature Preserve following the approval of the donation documents by the Administrative Vice President. The cave property shall be designated the Richard J. Blenz Nature Preserve. The Richard J. Blenz Cave Conservancy is appointed manager of the Richard J. Blenz Nature Preserve. Buckner Cave is located in Monroe County, Indiana.
- 26-791 Purchase of Lot 92 Adjacent to the Shelta Nature Preserve 10-13-07:4, 24
The NSS will purchase Lot 92, a.k.a. 2707 Cave Avenue, Huntsville, Alabama, at the price agreed upon by the Board. Funds for the purchase shall be taken from the Cave Acquisition Fund. Up to \$5000.00 shall be taken from the Shelta Cave Preserve Fund to pay for the removal of the house and clean up of the property. Expenses in excess of \$5000.00 will come from the Nature Preserve Fund. The OVP will represent the NSS and conduct the purchase.
- 26-795 Potter Unit Nature Preserve 03-15-08:7
The NSS will transfer the Potter Unit Nature Preserve to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The AVP will represent the NSS and conduct the transfer.
- 26-796 NSS Office, Library and Museum Complex 03-15-08:10
The NSS will construct or purchase a building to house the NSS Office, Library and Museum on a site to be selected.
- 26-803 Richard Blenz Nature Preserve Management Plan 03-15-08:43
The Richard Blenz Nature Preserve cave management plan is approved.

Cross References

18-270 Repair Funds
86-159 Boy Scouts
Appendix C, Attachment G
Appendix F
Appendix Z