



SIGNIFICANT CAVE NOMINATION WORKSHEET

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Person to contact for additional Information:

Name _____ Telephone (____) _____

Nomination Information

Cave Name _____

Location: State: _____ Meridian: _____ Town: _____ Range: _____ Section: _____
Abbreviation Ex. DC

OR GPS Coordinates:

Lat. _____ Long. _____ Format. _____

Position Error/ # of Satellites _____

Coordinate System _____

OR Verbal description:

* Topographic Map Enclosed: Yes No *Cave Map Enclosed: Yes No

Administering Federal Agency: _____

Local field office where cave is located: _____

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A cave must meet one or more of the following criteria to be eligible for designation as a significant cave. If you select "yes" for one or more of these criteria, please explain why in the remarks section. If desired, you may attach additional materials that will support your conclusions.

YES NO **Biota:** The cave provides seasonal or year-long habitat for organisms or animals; contains species or subspecies of flora or fauna native to caves; are sensitive to disruption; or are found on State or Federal sensitive, threatened, or endangered species lists.

Remarks:

YES NO **Cultural:** The cave contains historic properties or archaeological resources or other features that are included in, or eligible for, inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places because of its research importance for history or prehistory, its historical associations, or other historical or traditional significance.

Remarks:

YES NO **Geologic/Mineralogic/Paleontologic:** The cave possesses one or more of the following features:

- (1) Geologic or mineralogic features that are fragile, or that exhibit interesting formation processes, or that are otherwise useful for study.
- (2) Deposits, sediments, or features useful for evaluating past events.
- (3) Paleontological resources with potential to contribute useful educational and scientific information.

Remarks:

YES NO **Hydrologic:** The cave is a part of a hydrologic system or contains water that is important to humans, biota, or development of cave resources.

Remarks:

YES NO **Recreational:** The cave provides or could provide recreational opportunities or scenic values.

Remarks:

YES NO Educational or Scientific: The cave offers opportunities for educational or scientific use; the cave is virtually in a pristine state, lacking evidence of contemporary human disturbance or impact; or the length, volume, total depth, pit depth, height, or similar measurements are notable.

Remarks:

YES NO Specially Designated Area: All caves located within special management areas, such as Special Geologic Areas, Research Natural Areas, or National Monuments that are designated wholly or in part due to the cave resources found therein are determined to be significant.

Remarks:

Additional Comments:

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