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Organization:

Title:

Comments: Comments:

* Missing: List the previous four forest order numbers effecting Deschutes cave management.

* Is this order a replacement order for these previous orders, or supplemental to them? If this is a replacement, the older orders need to be rescinded. If this order is supplemental to the previous orders, the complete order group needs to be available.

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Table 1:

* 200 foot buffer: State that existing approved parking areas, trails and other improvements will be reviewed on a site by site basis and determinations will be made on keeping or removing the items/areas affected. These individual approvals can be included in each cave's, or group of caves' management prescriptions. Authorized trails used by motorized vehicles and mountain bikes are currently within 200 feet of some cave entrances. This blanket buffer has adverse economic impacts to timber harvesting and other activities.

* Temporary anchors should not be included in the prohibited list. Allowing temporary anchors is a safety issue. Temporary anchors (Egs. cams, nuts) are recognized, low impact, safety devices to aid exploration and safety.

* Remove "Releasing [hellip] dust [hellip]" Dust is created in most dry caves during crawling and walking.

* Remove "Playing live or recorded music." or at least insert the word "loud". I should be allowed to enter a cave with earbuds on playing music to better enjoy the experience.

* Table 2:

* Have the seasonal and year-round closures for bats been verified as needed during the last 10 years? I.e. are there bats still present or have they no longer using the cave? If there are no bats, remove the relevant closures.

Respectfully submitted April 2, 2020