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Comments: Dear Sirs

The draft of a new Cave Resource Protection Order is full of flaws and actions detrimental to cave use, forest management, and just conservation in general.

The 200 foot buffer rule will create expensive changes, and is just nonsensical. Criminalizing normal use and behavior will alienate the public.

The prohibition of releasing dust is nonsense. Walking in nature stirs up dust. To include that is not reasonable.

Temporary anchors such as cams and chocks are not detrimental to a cave environment or its preservation.

Seasonal closure of caves is a reasonable and often needed situation. Total closure is going to alienate the public. Alienate the public and you get vandalism just for the sake of vandalism.

Closure of Cody Borehole for archeological reasons, when no archeological resource has been established there, will not work. A simple litigation will require the agency to prove it has archeological value present. Spear points found in the past does not do this. Such artifacts are left in rite of passage rituals for NA men, and does not indicate actual NA use of the cave otherwise. You will have to get archeologists to do a dig there and actually find material, creating an actual archeological resource.