

STRAWS, DRAPERIES, BACON, CAVE PEARLS, POPCORN (CORAL), RIMSTONE DAMS, COLUMNS, PALETTES, FLOWSTONE, ET CETERA. SPELEOTHEMS ARE COMMONLY COMPOSED OF CALCITE, EPSOMITE, GYPSUM, ARAGONITE, CELESTITE AND OTHER SIMILAR MINERALS.

(G) "OWNER" MEANS A PERSON WHO OWNS TITLE TO LAND WHERE A CAVE IS LOCATED, INCLUDING A PERSON WHO OWNS TITLE TO A LEASEHOLD ESTATE IN SUCH LAND HAS THE RIGHT OF ACCESS (OR POSSESSION) TO THE CAVE.

(H) "SPELEOGEN" MEANS A SOLUTIONAL FEATURE OF THE BEDROCK, AND INCLUDES OR IS SYNONYMOUS WITH ANASTOMOSES, SCALLOPS, RILLS, FLUTES, SPONGEWORK, AND PENDANTS AN EROSIONAL FEATURE OF THE CAVE BOUNDARY AND INCLUDES OR IS SYNONYMOUS WITH ANASTOMOSES, SCALLOPS, RILLS, FLUTES, SPONGEWORK, AND PENDANTS.

(I) "SINKHOLE" MEANS A NATURAL DEPRESSION IN A LAND SURFACE COMMUNICATING WITH A SUBTERRANEAN PASSAGE OR DRAINAGE SYSTEM.

(J) "CAVE LIFE" MEANS ANY LIFE FORM WHICH NORMALLY OCCURS IN, USES, VISITS, OR INHABITS ANY CAVE OR SUBTERRANEAN WATER SYSTEM, EXCEPTING, HEREIN, THOSE ANIMALS AND SPECIES COVERED BY ANY OF THE GAME LAWS OF THIS STATE.

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(A) A PERSON MAY NOT, WITHOUT EXPRESS, PRIOR, WRITTEN PERMISSION OF ~~THE~~ AN OWNER, WILFULLY OR KNOWINGLY:

(1) BREAK, BREAK-OFF, CRACK, CARVE UPON, WRITE, BURN, OR OTHERWISE MARK UPON, REMOVE, OR IN ANY MANNER DESTROY, DISTURB, DEFACE, MAR, OR HARM THE SURFACES OF ANY CAVE OR ANY NATURAL MATERIAL WHICH MAY BE FOUND THEREIN WHETHER ATTACHED OR BROKEN, INCLUDING SPELEOTHEMS AND, SPELEOGENS, AND SEDIMENTARY DEPOSITS;

(2) DISTURB OR ALTER IN ANY MANNER THE NATURAL CONDITION OF ANY CAVE;

(3) BREAK, FORCE, TAMPER WITH, OR OTHERWISE DISTURB A LOCK, GATE, DOOR, OR OTHER OBSTRUCTION DESIGNED TO CONTROL OR PREVENT ACCESS TO ANY CAVE, EVEN THOUGH ENTRANCE THERETO MAY NOT BE GAINED; ~~AND~~

(4) HOWEVER, THE ENTERING OR REMAINING IN A CAVE BY ITSELF SHALL NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION.

(5) UNLESS OTHERWISE ESTABLISHED BY THE SECRETARY AND CLEARLY POSTED AT THE CAVE ENTRANCE, CAVES HAVING ACCESS WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF PUBLIC PROPERTIES SHALL BE OPEN FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES.

~~(4)~~ (B) A PERSON MAY NOT DISPOSE OF, DUMP, STORE, OR OTHERWISE INTRODUCE INTO ANY CAVE, SINKHOLE, OR SUBTERRANEAN DRAINAGE SYSTEM ANY LITTER, REFUSE, DEAD