
WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT, NSS

Autumn Meeting

Cave of the Winds,
September 25, 1999
10:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Board Review of Trustee Applications

A G E N D A

WELCOME

? Any general announcements or news.

APPROVAL OF NEW TRUSTEES FOR 1999-2000 SEASON

? Review of closed meeting of Board

? Approval of 1999-2000 Trustees

? *Discussion:* Open positions? What about Trustees who could not make the meeting? Should the project host an orientation session for all Trustees this October (not done in 1998)?

1999-2000 CAVE PROJECTS

Grandview Pit: Mike Frazier, Dan Sullivan

Last April's discovery of Grandview Pit by Grant Carey could prove to be an important underground link between Narrows Cave and the Cave of the Winds. Located alongside Serpentine Drive, the cave appears to be solutional and have excellent potential. Several of the dig possibilities have significant airflow, suggesting the cave is dropping to the upper level of the Manitou Limestone and major passage. During the summer, Mike Frazier and Dan Sullivan moved the A-frame from the abandoned Hot Diggity Dog Pit for use this fall at Grandview. Dig material will need to be lifted up and out of the cave owing to minimal dumping room within the 70-foot-long cave.

? *Discussion:* Dig logistics; gating possibilities.

Breezeway Cave Climbs: Mike Frazier

Mike Frazier has coordinated technical climbs within Breezeway Cave during the 1998-99 season. One of the climbs, in a high dome near Holy Waters, appears to have potential. This climb could lead to additional passageways to the east and south, perhaps providing access to the passageways theorized beyond the collapse in the Little Mountain Room.

? *Discussion:* project logistics.

East Wall Project: Rick Rhinehart

During the 1998-99 season, little time was spent working on the East Wall Project owing to lack of personnel. The great flood of 1999 has revealed a possible dig site underneath the former road bed just south of the now-closed Huccacove parking area. This is the area where geologists speculate the Williams Canyon stream disappears into the theoretic East Wall cave system north of the Manitou Cave. Also, time will be spent re-examining abandoned dig sites north of the Easter Dome/Donahue's Cave area. Specifically, the Temple of Isis/Pinnacle Cave area has good potential for a major cave north of Breezeway.

? *Discussion:* project logistics.

Cave Passageways Repair Project: Rick Rhinehart

During the last year, perhaps owing to above average rainfall, Breezeway Cave and Narrows Cave have both had rock fall near their entrances. A coordinated effort by cavers should examine these entry passages and determine if further rock and debris fall is possible. If so, the passages should be made safe for travel. In addition, these passageways also should be cleared of any debris from previous rock falls.

? *Discussion:* project logistics

Other Canyon Dig Projects

? *Discussion:* Any other digs planned for canyon caves in the 1998-99 season?

WILLIAMS CANYON PROJECT SURVEY SECTION

Update: Paul Burger, Tom Dotter

Survey of minor canyon caves; Narrows Cave survey update; laser theodolite survey.

? *Discussion:* Current projects; available maps.

CONSERVATION

Discussion: Al Collier, Dan Sullivan

Efforts are underway for formation repair and restoration in Williams Canyon caves using a variety of innovative techniques.

? *Discussion:* Techniques, project timeline.

WCP PROJECT REPORT

Discussion: Mark Maslyn

Continuing efforts for a Williams Canyon Project book of history, project accomplishments since 1981.

? *Discussion:* Latest developments, project timeline.

HUCCACOVE CAVE 125TH ANNIVERSARY

Discussion: Rick Rhinehart

This upcoming March is the 125th anniversary of the discovery and opening of Huccacove Cave (Mammoth Cave) as Colorado's first commercially-operated cave. It would be appropriate for the project and the Cave of the Winds to somehow celebrate this anniversary, perhaps through a day of caving, press releases, media attention, etc. One possibility is to host an open day of grotto caving the Sunday following the NSS Board of Governors Meeting in Denver on March 18 (trip sign up could be held at the BOG meeting the previous day). Trips could be run to canyon caves, both recreational and photographic.

? *Discussion:* Logistics, ad hoc committee.

CAVE OF THE WINDS TOPICS

Discussion: Jeremy Stiles, Grant Carey

Cave of the Winds staff may have some topics for review and consideration by the Board and Project Trustees.

OTHER TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

? Topics from the Floor

? Upcoming Meeting – early February/late January 2000?