



## Caves

### General

1401. \*For caves that have been determined significant or that have not been evaluated for significance [as per 36 CFR 290.3 (c) or (d)], manage to protect or enhance biological, cultural, ecological, hydrological, and physical characteristics with the following actions: **STANDARD**

- a. \*Avoid ground disturbance within 100 feet of an opening of a natural cave (see also Standard 3207); **STANDARD**
- b. Take measures to prevent human-caused changes in cave ecosystem, water, sediment, nutrient, chemical, airflow, humidity, or temperature regimes; **GUIDELINE**
- c. Gating of caves will only be done where it is the only viable option to protect cave resources. If a gate is utilized, it will allow free passage of bats, small animals, air and water. **GUIDELINE**