



**USDA FOREST SERVICE, ROCKY MOUNTAIN
REGION CAVE ACCESS REGISTRATION FORM 2023**



PERSONAL INFORMATION

First Name:

Last Name:

Email Address:

Mailing Address Zip Code:

Phone Number:

CAVE VISIT INFORMATION

Forest Name:

Cave Name:

Proposed Visit Date:

Expected Number in Group:

Are You an NSS Member?

Are You a Local Grotto Member?

REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS/CONDITIONS

By Clicking on Each Box Below, I Accept the Following Conditions of this Cave Entry Registration:

"Prohibition of gear and clothing from WNS confirmed or suspected sites. No one in my caving group will use any equipment, clothing, or other gear that has been used in States or Canadian Provinces where White-nose Syndrome or *Pseudogymnoascus destructans* (the fungus that causes the disease) has been confirmed. As of April 13, 2017, this includes Arkansas, Alabama, **Otero County in Colorado**, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Maryland, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Minnesota, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin and the Canadian Provinces of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island, and Quebec. This list is subject to change and the most recent information can be found at <https://www.whitenosesyndrome.org/resources/map> .

"Decontamination procedures will be followed by all members of my group using the procedures described on this website. A copy of the decontamination procedures will be included with the authorization form."

You can submit your request using any of the following methods:

- (1) **Recommended:** save the completed form, and email it as an attachment to SM.FS.r2wns@usda.gov
- (2) Submit the completed form by clicking
- (3) Print, scan (or take a picture) and email it as an attachment to SM.FS.r2wns@usda.gov

Some caves on the Bighorn National Forest, the Black Hills National Forest, Shoshone National Forest, and the White River National Forest are seasonally closed. Please refer to our website for additional information: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/r2/cavingpermit> .

Your request will be reviewed and, if accepted, the approved Cave Authorization form will be sent to the email address you provide above. If your request is not approved, you will receive an email explaining the reasons.