

SUBMIT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION.

1. STATE THE DESIRED PROHIBITED ACT: To allow Forest Service LE&I personnel the ability to effectively respond and react to incidents involving the disturbance of sensitive bat species during months when they are hibernating and giving birth to their young.

2. REASON FOR THE ORDER: These caves are documented hibernation sites for several species of bats, specifically Federal Category II, sensitive species. Restricting access during the critical winter/spring months will protect the biological values of the cave. Roosting bats are vulnerable to disturbance, which can result in the death of young and adult bats, and possible loss of these significant hibernation sites. The cave entrance to Bad Luck Cave includes a nearly vertical drop of 10 feet. Winter snow and ice accumulates to create an icy build-up making footing hazardous.

3. HAVE OTHER METHODS BEEN TRIED TO RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM? Yes
DESCRIBE: Voluntary compliance, education.

4. PERIOD OF TIME THE ORDER WILL BE IN EFFECT: Each cave will have a different season of closure but the order will be in effect until rescinded.

Davenport Cave	Yearlong Closure.
Bad Luck Cave	Closed September 15 through June 1.

5. LIST THOSE EXEMPT FROM THE ORDER: Persons with a permit specifically authorizing the prohibited act and any Federal, State, or local officer, or member of an organized rescue or fire fighting force in the performance of an official duty.

6. HAS AN ENFORCEMENT PLAN AND A SIGN PLAN BEEN ESTABLISHED?: Yes
Who will enforce the order?: Law Enforcement & Investigations
Who will ensure proper signing?: Recreation and LE&I Personnel

7. WILL THIS ORDER BE REVIEWED ANNUALLY FOR NEED AND PROPER ENFORCEMENT?: Yes

8. COMPLETE THE ORDER USING THIS CHECKLIST. When complete, forward the original request to the SO, Attn.: Law Enforcement. The request will be routed to the appropriate staff officer, Public Information Officer, and Forest Supervisor.

Reviewed: /s/ J.T. Millard 3/4/98
District Ranger, CU/EM Date

Reviewed: /s/ M.D. Lloyd 3/2/98
District Ranger, SP/NE Date

Reviewed: _____
So. Zone Law Enforcement Officer Date

Reviewed: _____
No. Zone Law Enforcement Officer Date

Reviewed: /s/ Lester L. Pinkerton 2/17/98
Supervisory LEO Date

Reviewed: _____
Public Information Officer Date

Reviewed: _____
Forest Staff Officer Date