

THE  
**FUTURE**  
OF  
**AMERICA'S**  
**NATIONAL**  
**PARKS**

First Annual  
Centennial Strategy for

# Timpanogos Cave National Monument

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CENTENNIAL INITIATIVE



Site: TICA

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**Vision Statement**

Timpanogos Cave National Monument will build on its proud history and leap into the future with new initiatives to preserve the resources and provide for our visitors. The Monument staff will preserve outstanding cave formations, geological processes, and historical values of the Timpanogos Cave system and associated features for the recreational and educational enjoyment, scientific value, and inspiration of this and future generations.

This will be realized by rebuilding the resource management program. We will make facility improvements to ensure the safety of our visitors and employees, and that open new opportunities for the benefit and education of our visitors. We will set the example and save costs with an innovative energy conservation program that will be shown to our visitors as an example to be followed.

- Provide for visitor and employee safety in the redesign of roads/parking in the Monument and construction of an interagency facility with Forest Service outside American Fork Canyon, away from rock fall and flash flood hazards.
- Protect cave resources and provide visitor enjoyment by providing outreach, education, electronic media, brochures, partnerships, and a new power supply to cave.
- Protect cave resources through policy, research, monitoring, mitigation techniques, and development and implementation of a bold new resource management program.
- Enhance visitor and employee safety by means of education, training, and maintenance of site and facilities.
- Repair and maintain rock damaged trail and rebuild historic and non-historic rock retaining walls to provide safe access for visitors and employees.
- Develop and implement an energy and resource conservation plan that reduces costs, sets an example for our visitors, and demonstrates real life applications that are interpreted for our visitors.

**Park/ Superintendent/ Program Manager**

Denis Davis

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STEWARDSHIP

Provide inspiring, safe, and accessible places for people to enjoy - the standard to which all other park systems aspire.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

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STEWARDSHIP

Improve the condition of park resources and assets.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Rebuild the resource management program and from research data work to reduce the impacts that facilities and tours are having on the cave's environment.

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ENVIRONMENT

Reduce environmental impacts of park operations.

Reduce the environmental impacts of park operations on air and water quality.

Replace valut toilet system that releases tons of human waste into the Monument's landscape with a composting toilet system that protects the park's environment.

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**ENVIRONMENT**

Inspire an environmental conscience in Americans.

Establish programs to showcase exemplary environmental practices and increase visitor awareness of how the practices apply to their daily lives, as measured by surveys.

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**EDUCATION**

Introduce young people and their families to national parks by using exciting media and technology.

Increase the number of web hits through the introduction of advanced, interactive features that attract young people to national parks.

Develop, use and sell interactive DVD of the cave and trail to open opportunities to those challenged with accessing the cave and steep trail, and to reach individuals who are more interested in using such technology to enhance their experiences.

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**PROFESSIONALISM**

Use strategic planning to promote management excellence.

Other Park/ Program performance goal(s)

Complete GMP revision to support new directions for interagency facility and revised facilities in the Monument, and complete design drawings that support planning decisions.

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**PROFESSIONALISM**

Model what it means to work in partnership.

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