

CAVE VISUAL IMPACT EVALUATION WORKSHEET

Cave Name _____ Date _____

Montior Point _____ In-Cave Location _____

Indicator	Degree of Impact Criteria (A)				
	0	1	2	3	4
Trash at Entrance	None	Few small items	Several small, few medium items	Several medium, few large items	Established dump or toxic materials
Litter in Cave	None	1-2 items out of sight	Up to 5 items in sight	Presence of litter impacts cave in-cave setting	Highly noticeable, impacting cave
Graffiti (not historic writing before 1940)	None	Present but not noticeable Less than 25% of visible surfaces covered	Less than 25% of visible surfaces covered	25-50% of visible surfaces covered	Greater than 50% or highly intrusive
Trails	None	Few footprints, not immediately noticeable	Trail visible but not distracting	Well used, obvious trail	Marked trail, heavily used (soil compacted) impact trail, multiple trails
Speleothem Damage	None	Some formations slightly discolored or chipped	Moderate discoloration or small formations broken	Highly discolored, some large formations broken	Majority of formations destroyed
Passage/Entrance Modification	None	Slight modification, not readily apparent	Obviously either opened or filled in	Passage is twice original size or half filled in	Passage completely filled in and/or new passage exists
Water Quality/Levels	Pristine	Slightly muddy or clouded	Muddy water or tracked-in silt on pool bottom	Pool filling in or drop in level, anaerobic bacteria present	Completely silted in or polluted
Other					

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FACTORS	1	2	3
(B) Rating Factors	Temporary	Restorable	Permanent
Cave Tolerance Factor	High	Moderate	Low

Degree of Impact (A)_____ x Rating Factor (B)_____ = _____ Impact Rating (C)

Is this impact rating higher than the standard? Yes___ No___

Total all Impact Ratings (C)_____ x Cave Tolerance Factor_____ = _____

Site visual impact(s) narrative description:

X here if this is a low or no impact standard _____

Additional Remarks:

Evaluation completed by: _____ Cave Manager's Initials _____