



EXCEPTION #5 - Request and Authorization Form

USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region Emergency Closure Order #R2-12-01

Regional Order number R2-12-01 prohibits entering any cave or abandoned mine except those listed in Exhibit A, without approval from the Forest Supervisor to conduct research, inventory, or monitoring as needed to understand and manage bats and White-nose Syndrome and to contribute to the nomination of significant cave resources under the Federal Cave Act.

The Forest Supervisor of the _____ National Forest authorizes to the following business and their clients, organizations, or individuals, the stated activities involving entry into the named cave/s or mines below for the period specified, provided all decontamination and other requirements and prohibitions that apply under this closure order are adhered to. Persons approved under this closure exception must have the Forest Supervisor's written authorization in their possession while conducting activities under the approval.

Should *Geomyces destructans* or white-nose syndrome be confirmed in Region 2 or an adjacent state, exception/exemption requests will be re-evaluated and may be modified or cancelled.

Name/s:

No other individual(s) may enter these caves / mines without specific approval. Requests for approval must be submitted in writing.

Caves / Mines:

Valid (Inclusive Dates):

Proposed activities / Reason for authorization:

Post-trip reporting format and timing to forest:

Additional Forest Supervisor stipulations (as needed):

SIGNED AND DATED BY: _____

FOREST SUPERVISOR

or mail to USDA Forest Service
c/o Renewable Resources
Attn: Cave Access Request
740 Simms Street
Golden, CO 80401