

# **Cave Management Plans: Targeting Your Audience**

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## **Abstract**

One of the critical facets of cave management includes putting a management plan in writing, thereby providing a framework for all future activities. However, too often we fail to give adequate consideration to who will be using the resulting document. This presentation will briefly recap the process for developing cave management plans, then will focus on how to most effectively present the information to those who need it. We will discuss how confidentiality concerns, manpower availability, management infrastructure, and target audience considerations all affect the style of the plan. Contrasting case studies from the Hoosier National Forest and the Indiana Karst Conservancy will be used to highlight the key points.