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Meeting Summary
Elusive Peacock Shelter
SUFCO/SHPO/Forest Service/OGM
October 6, 2003
10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Attendees: Ken May, Mike Davis, Mark Bunnell, Craig Hilton, Chris Hansen, Bruce Ellis, Jim Dykman, Daron Haddock, Mary Ann Wright, Jerriann Ernsten, Susan White

The Elusive Peacock Shelter has been determined eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. At the beginning of the meeting the question was asked: Should the Elusive Peacock Shelter be eligible for the Register? SHPO supported limited data recovery in the Spring/Summer of 2004 to determine if the site should retain the eligibility status.

SUFCO will be undermining the shelter the first week of November and mitigation to prevent collapse of the shelter is required. Prior to undermining, SUFCO will crib the lower cavern in an effort to prevent the site from collapsing. The Forest will approve the methods used by SUFCO to transport the cribbing materials and men into the cavern. Non-surface disturbing methods will be used for transportation. The Forest will either verbally or in writing inform the Division of those transportation methods. Twelve sets of cribs will be used. Holes for each crib set will be dug to remove the mud down to the bedrock surface before installing the cribbing. The cribbing material will not be removed from the cavern after mining. A Forest Archeologist will be on-site during the installation of the cribbing. The Mining and Reclamation Plan (MRP) will not be revised until the MOU is revised.

The Shelter will not be observed for subsidence until Spring/Summer 2004. Any roof fall caused by subsidence that inhibits the limited data recovery effort in 2004 will be mitigated by SUFCO to the extent safety concerns allow. The Forest will likely do the data recovery. If after limited data recovery, the Shelter retains the eligibility status additional mitigation may be required as stipulated in the MOA.