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# *We* **PROTECT**

## **OUR VIBRANT HERITAGE**

- A vanguard in protecting caves and their environments, groundwater, formations, fossils, archaeological artifacts, flora, and fauna
- Advocating and teaching cave conservation
- Owning and managing 30 caves on 18 preserves, including those protecting endangered bats and other species
- Affiliating with numerous science and conservation organizations and federal agencies

## **THE NSS PROVIDES**

- A natural partner in cave and karst management strategies
- Unmatched knowledge about cave and karst resources
- Scientists conducting dedicated cave and karst research
- Grants to support research, exploration, conservation, and cave acquisition

