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## Great Basin National Park News Release

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### **Lehman Caves and Wild Caves and Karst Management Plans Proposed Action for Public Comment**

BAKER, NEVADA --Great Basin National Park is currently seeking public input on both the Lehman Caves and Wild Caves and Karst Management Plans. Your issues and comments will assist in refining the proposed actions and help in conducting an environmental analysis consistent with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

Lehman Caves has been open for visitation since 1885. Over the past century, trails, entrance and exit tunnels, a lighting system, and more have been developed in the cave. The Lehman Caves Management Plan covers the history of the cave as well as management objectives and direction. The desired future conditions for the cave are described, such as additional tour options, expanded educational opportunities, continued research into cave geology and biology, protection of cultural resources, maintenance of cave infrastructure, safety, and more.

Great Basin National Park also contains 39 wild, undeveloped caves and thousands of acres of karst (potentially cave-bearing) land. The Wild Caves and Karst Management Plan focuses on preservation and protection of cave resources and processes while allowing for respectful scientific use and recreation in selected caves. The plan addresses cave gating, discovering new caves, permits to visit selected caves during specific dates to avoid disturbance to bat populations, and more.

A public meeting and site visit into Lehman Caves will be held Monday, June 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lehman Caves Visitor Center. All are invited.

The public can review and comment on the plans at the National Park Service Planning, Environment, and Public Comment (PEPC) website: <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/LehmanCavesMP> and <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/WCKMP>. Comments will be accepted through June 14, 2019, and will be considered in the final plans that should be released this summer. Comments can also be mailed to Cave Management Plans, Great Basin National Park, Baker, NV 89311.

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