

Colorado Cave Survey, Cave Information System Committee  
January 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 meeting  
Summary of meeting

**Data requests from land managing agencies**

The design of the Cave Information System (CIS) is not to interfere with the traditional role of the Colorado Cave Survey (CCS) as a liaison between the organized caving community and the land managing agencies in the state. There is also no desire for the CIS to radically change the amount of cave data being handed over to land managers. Therefore, all cave data requests that could potentially be fulfilled by the CIS will be routed through the CCS. Employees of land managing agencies will also not be permitted to become Associates of the CIS.

When a land manager has a question about caves, the request will be directed to the CCS as has been the case for decades. The CCS can decide whether and how to act on the request. One option would be for an officer or voting member of the CCS who is also a CIS Associate to request data from the CIS after consulting with the rest of the CCS and possibly even a vote on the matter. The request would be processed by normal CIS procedures and data would possibly be handed over to that individual. That individual would then be responsible for fulfilling the transfer of data to the land manager in compliance with the decisions of the CCS. In most cases it is expected that the Chair of the CCS would be the individual doing the requesting and transferring of data. Thus, the method of potentially transferring data to land managers has not changed much, the CCS just has an additional resource from which to potentially draw data. All the squabbling over whether to hand over data to land managers can proceed as normal at CCS meetings.

Please see the diagram at the end of the report.

**Cave Information System Manual**

The governing document of the CIS will be the CIS Manual. It will be compiled from all the reports of these committee meetings and adjusted based upon feedback from the caving community. Once the CIS has been created by the CCS, future changes to the Manual must be made by a 2/3 vote of the Local Coordinators and Statewide Coordinator. The CCS must be informed prior to implementation of any changes.

**CIS Associate Application form**

A draft of the application form that potential CIS Associates must fill out to start the vetting process is located at the end of this report. No signature is required. Applicants are required to initial the form to indicate that they have read and understood it prior to a conversation with the Statewide Coordinator that is part of the vetting process.

**Updates to Flow Charts**

The flow charts at the end of this report reflect changes they have undergone during recent meetings.

**Website**

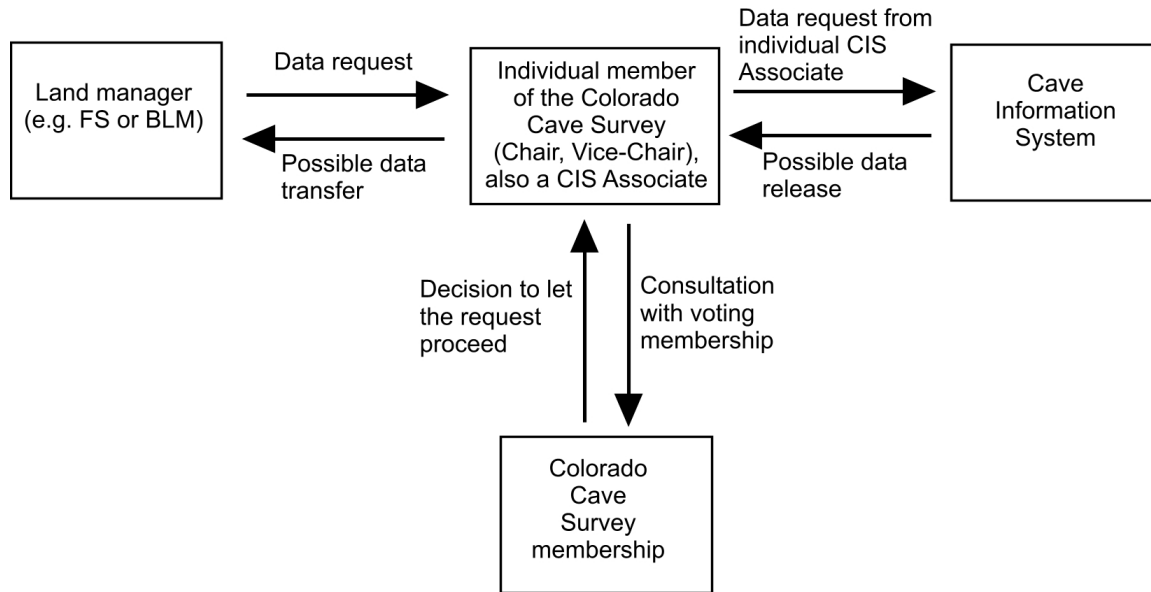
The CCS website ([www.coloradocavesurvey.org](http://www.coloradocavesurvey.org)) now has a page with CIS information.

Respectfully submitted,

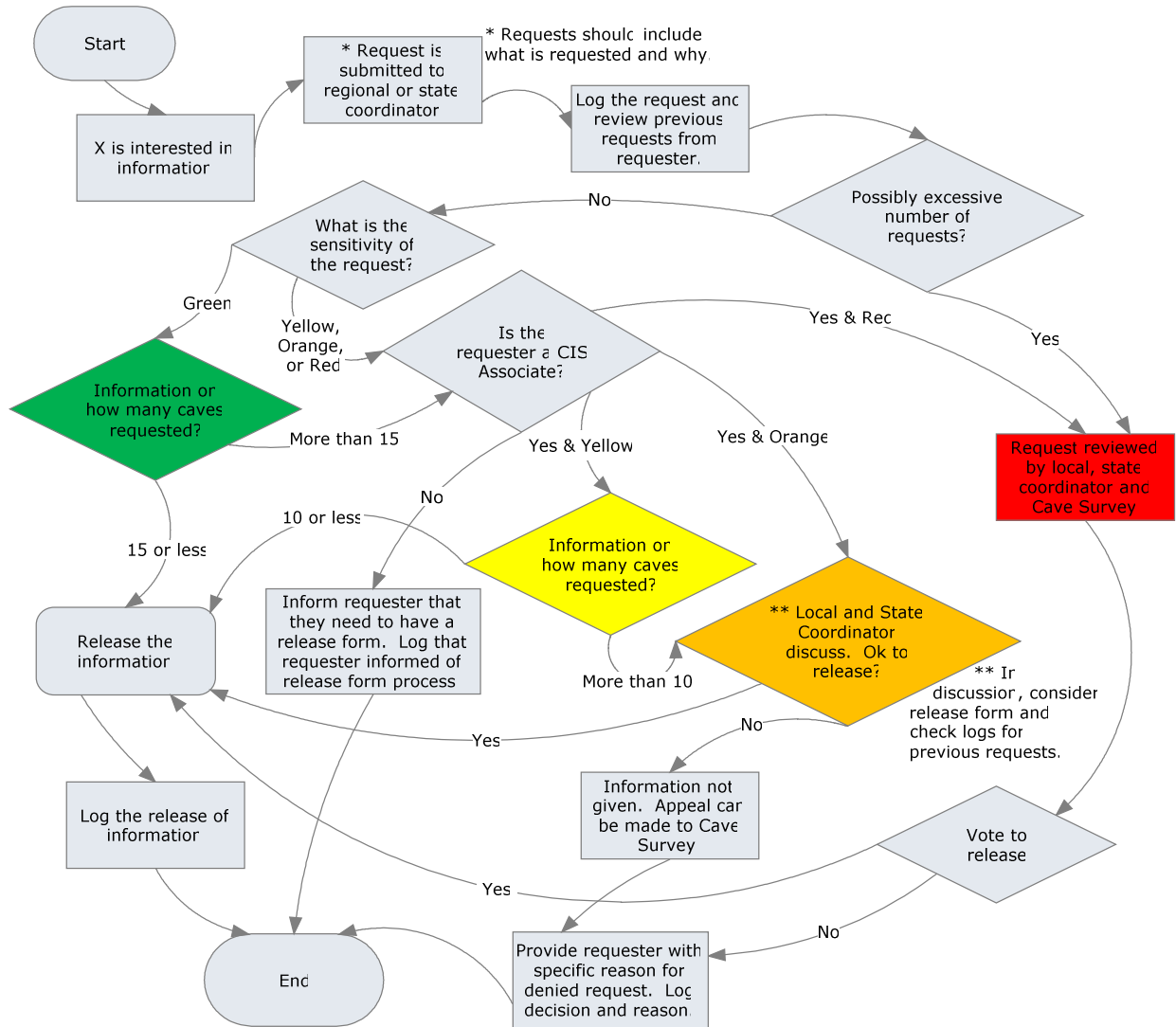
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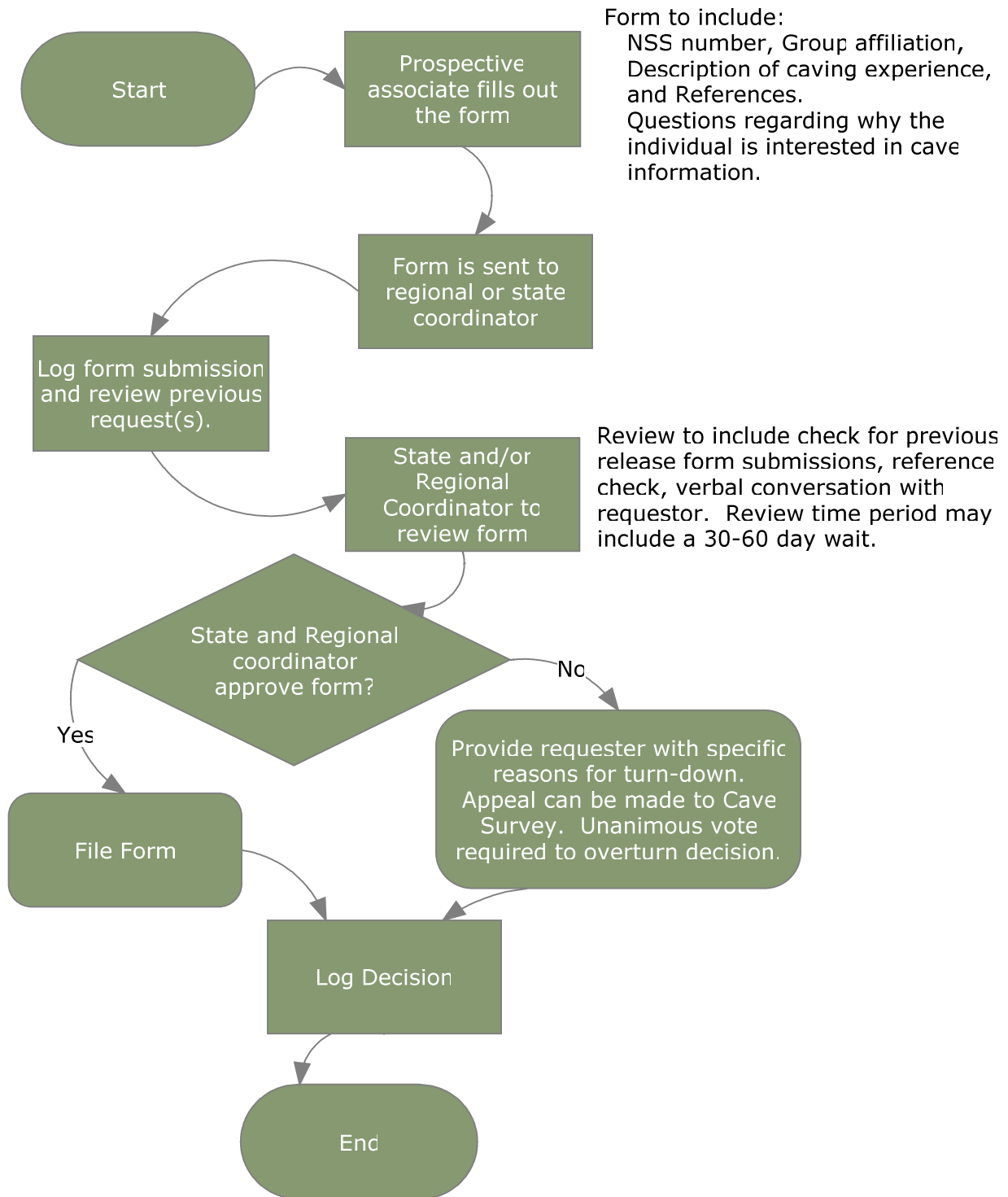
Diagram of how data requests from land managing agencies can be handled to preserve the traditional role of the CCS and maintain separation between land managers and the CIS. Under this procedure both an individual caver and the CCS as a whole would have responsibility for any data transfer.



## Requesting Information from the Cave Information System



## Cave Information System Associate Application Process



**Application for Associate status with the Colorado Cave Information System**

*Please understand that if you are approved as a CIS Associate you will have increased access to data from the Colorado Cave Information System. With that privilege comes responsibility. You will be trusted as a steward for all the caves whose locations are entrusted to you via this privilege. Please understand the potential for tremendous damage to caves and the organized caving community in Colorado if you were to indiscriminately or purposely publish or otherwise release some or all of the data with which you are entrusted. Bearing these facts in mind, take on this responsibility knowingly and willingly. Now or in the future, if you are in doubt as to whether actions you are considering might be viewed as violating this trust, please understand that you can seek guidance from the Chairman of the Colorado Cave Survey, the Statewide Cave Information System Coordinator, or any of the Local Coordinators.*

As part of considering your application the CIS Statewide Coordinator will have a conversation with you regarding the information above. Prior to that conversation please initial here indicating you have read and understood the information above:

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NSS #: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Grotto or other relevant affiliations: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list three references in the caving community**

Reference #1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference #3. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please attach to this form 1) A brief description of your caving experience, 2) A brief description of your goals related to obtaining information from the database and what types of data requests you expect to make, and 3) A brief description of data you have contributed to the database in the past or expect to contribute in the future. In each case, a couple paragraphs will do. We do not need to know your life story, but feel free to share relevant information.**