

#### Florida Department of Environmental Protection

### CITIZEN SUPPORT ORGANIZATION 2015 REPORT

(pursuant to Florida Statute 20.058)

Citizen Support Organization (CSO) Name: Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc.

Mailing Address: 3345 Cavern Road Marianna Florida 32446

Telephone Number: 850-482-1228 Website Address (if applicable): www.friendsoffloridacverns

#### **Statutory Authority:**

Section 20.2551, F.S., Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit; public records; partnerships. In summary, the statute specifies the organizational requirements, operational parameters, duties of a CSO to support the Department of Environmental Protection (Department), or individual units of the Department, use of Department property, audit requirements, public records requirements, and authorizes public-private partnerships to enhance lands managed by the Department.

**Section 258.015, F.S., Citizen support organizations; use of property; audit.** In summary, the statute defines a CSO, requires authorization by the Division of Recreation and Parks, and specifies the use of property. This statute authorizes the Partnerships in Parks (PIP) program for state parks, the program's operational parameters, CSO's operational parameters, and donor recognition.

#### **Brief Description of the CSO's Mission:**

The Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc. will act to generate and employ additional resources and to augment the state park's existing funding in order to maintain, enhance, and expand the state services to the public. Funding will be accomplished through special events, activities, and other programs.

#### Brief Description of the CSO's Results Obtained:

The FOFCSP assisted with 3 events during the July – December 2014 short year this report is to accompany. The first was the National Public Lands Day that saw over 300 guests and focused on natural resource education through walks, tours, exhibits, and programs. The second was Birds in the Park; over 300 guests learned about the birds found within the park through the efforts of CSO member Dianne Sue Bryant and her wildlife rehabilitation program. The third was the Spirit of the Caverns which saw over 1000 guests including over 300 school kids during the two-day event. This event focused on the rich history of the land that is now Florida Caverns State Park and educated visitors through first person interpretation, exhibits, camps, walks, and tours. The event committee was comprised of the FOFCSP President, Bill Carlo, the Vice-President Mike Mann, the Treasurer, Debbie-Jones-Mann and the Webmaster, Tim Trott. This committee diligently pursued donations and in-kind services to work with the Park Services Specialist event coordinator to completely fund and advertise this beneficial event.

Other accomplishments during the 2014 year were:

- 2 purchases of volunteer uniforms
- Sponsoring 94 after-hours "flashlight" tours of the caverns to an estimated 1,000 visitors
- Firewood purchase for resale to campers
- Washing machine purchase for volunteer village
- Funded bat house construction through Eagle Scout project

#### Brief Description of the CSO's Plans for Next Three Fiscal Years:

The Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc. will continue to offer assistance through funding, planning, and assisting with the operations for the following events at the Florida Caverns State Park: Flashlight Tours, Earth Day, Spirit of the Caverns, Astronomy in the Park, and National Public Lands Day. The Friends' group will also purchase and resale firewood and continue providing funding for needed park equipment, and updating/improving park systems with more energy efficient and environmentally friendly systems.

- ☑ Copy of the CSO's Code of Ethics attached (Model provided; see CSO 2014 instructions)
- ☑ Certify the CSO has completed and provided to the Department the organization's most recent Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-N/Annual Financial Statement

# FRIENDS OF FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK, INC. CODE OF ETHICS

#### **PREAMBLE**

- (1) It is essential to the proper conduct and operation of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc. (herein "CSO") that its board members, officers, and employees be independent and impartial and that their position not be used for private gain. Therefore, the Florida Legislature in Section 112.3251, Florida Statute (Fla. Stat.), requires that the law protect against any conflict of interest and establish standards for the conduct of CSO board members, officers, and employees in situations where conflicts may exist.
- (2) It is hereby declared to be the policy of the state that no CSO board member, officer, or employee shall have any interest, financial or otherwise, direct or indirect, or incur any obligation of any nature which is in substantial conflict with the proper discharge of his or her duties for the CSO. To implement this policy and strengthen the faith and confidence of the people in Citizen Support Organizations, there is enacted a code of ethics setting forth standards of conduct required of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc. board members, officers, and employees in the performance of their official duties.

#### **STANDARDS**

The following standards of conduct are enumerated in Chapter 112, Fla. Stat., and are required by Section 112.3251, Fla. Stat., to be observed by CSO board members, officers, and employees.

#### 1. Prohibition of Solicitation or Acceptance of Gifts

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall solicit or accept anything of value to the recipient, including a gift, loan, reward, promise of future employment, favor, or service, based upon any understanding that the vote, official action, or judgment of the CSO board member, officer, or employee would be influenced thereby.

#### 2. Prohibition of Accepting Compensation Given to Influence a Vote

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall accept any compensation, payment, or thing of value when the person knows, or, with reasonable care, should know that it was given to influence a vote or other action in which the CSO board member, officer, or employee was expected to participate in his or her official capacity.

#### 3. Salary and Expenses

No CSO board member or officer shall be prohibited from voting on a matter affecting his or her salary, expenses, or other compensation as a CSO board member or officer, as provided by law.

#### 4. Prohibition of Misuse of Position

A CSO board member, officer, or employee shall not corruptly use or attempt to use one's official position or any property or resource which may be within one's trust, or perform official duties, to secure a special privilege, benefit, or exemption.

#### 5. Prohibition of Misuse of Privileged Information

No CSO board member, officer, or employee shall disclose or use information not available to members of the general public and gained by reason of one's official position for one's own personal gain or benefit or for the personal gain or benefit of any other person or business entity.

#### 6. Post-Office/Employment Restrictions

A person who has been elected to any CSO board or office or who is employed by a CSO may not personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the governing body of the CSO of which he or she was a board member, officer, or employee for a period of two years after he or she vacates that office or employment position.

#### 7. Prohibition of Employees Holding Office

No person may be, at one time, both a CSO employee and a CSO board member at the same time.

#### 8. Requirements to Abstain From Voting

A CSO board member or officer shall not vote in official capacity upon any measure which would affect his or her special private gain or loss, or which he or she knows would affect the special gain or any principal by whom the board member or officer is retained. When abstaining, the CSO board member or officer, prior to the vote being taken, shall make every reasonable effort to disclose the nature of his or her interest as a public record in a memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting, who shall incorporate the memorandum in the minutes. If it is not possible for the CSO board member or officer to file a memorandum before the vote, the memorandum must be filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes of the meeting no later than 15 days after the vote.

#### 9. Failure to Observe CSO Code of Ethics

Failure of a CSO board member, officer, or employee to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the removal of that person from their position. Further, failure of the CSO to observe the Code of Ethics may result in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection terminating its Agreement with the CSO.



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FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK 3345 Caverns Road Marianna, FL 32446

Date 6/26/2015

TO: Daniel Jones,

District 1 Bureau Chief

FROM: Chris L. Hawthorne, Park Manager,

Florida Caverns State Park

SUBJECT: Annual Financial Report for

Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc.

July-December 2014 continued the successful partnership with the Friends of Florida Caverns State Park. They were able to raise much needed funds and to sponsor numerous park programs. These programs included:

- Flashlight Tours
- Spirit of the Caverns
- National Public Lands Day
- Firewood sales

The Friends' group also provided funding for:

- Chainsaw safety equipment
- Purchase of Volunteer uniforms
- Washing machine for Volunteer Village
- Bat house construction for Eagle Scout project

They are constantly striving to increase membership of the group and will continue to make this a high priority. Although the active membership is small, it is made up of a dedicated group of people who have truly made a positive impact on the park.

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FROM: Bill Carlo, CSO President

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J. Philip Tyler, CPA, LLC PO Box 5768 Marianna, FL 32447

FRIENDS OF FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK, INC.
3345 CAVERNS ROAD
MARIANNA, FL 32446

Form **990-EZ** 

### FOR DEP USE ONLY

## **Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax**

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

OMB No. 1545-1150 2014

**Open to Public** Inspection

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service

Do not enter social security numbers on this form as it may be made public.

		venue Service	▶ Information about Form 990-EZ and its instructions is at www.	irs.gov/form990.		mopection		
A	For th	ne 2014 calen	dar year, or tax year beginning $07/01/14$ , and ending $12/31/$	14		•		
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	Address	ss change FRIENDS OF FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE						
	Name ch	Inne change PARK, INC. 57-119						
П	Initial ref	turn	E Telephone number					
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	Applicati	ded return  City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or toreign postal code  MARIANNA  FL 32446  Number  Number  F Group Exemption  Number  Number						
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P	'art I	Reven	ue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances		ctions for Pa			
			if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this P	•		X		
	1		gifts, grants, and similar amounts received		1 1	4,964		
	2		rvice revenue including government fees and contracts		2	10,470		
	3		dues and assessments		3			
	4	Investment i			4	1		
	5a	Gross amou	int from sale of assets other than inventory 5a					
	b		r other basis and sales expenses 5b					
	С		from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)		5c			
	6		I fundraising events					
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Revenue	b		ne from fundraising events (not including \$ of contribut	tions	<del></del>			
ě			sing events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the					
-			gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) 6b					
	С		expenses from gaming and fundraising events 6c					
	d		or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract					
		line 6c)			6d			
	7a	Gross sales	of inventory, less returns and allowances 7a					
	b	Less: cost of	***************************************					
	С		or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)		7c			
	8	•	ue (describe in Schedule O)		8	6,326		
	9	Total reven	ue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8		9	21,761		
	10		similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O)		10			
	11	Benefits paid	d to or for members		11			
s	12	Salaries, oth	er compensation, and employee benefits		12			
nse	13		fees and other payments to independent contractors		13	15,463		
Expenses	14		rent, utilities, and maintenance		14	350		
ω	15	Printing, pub	lications, postage, and shipping		15			
	16	Other expen	ses (describe in Schedule O)		16			
	17	Total expen	ses. Add lines 10 through 16		17	15,813		
,,	18	Excess or (d	eficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)		18	5,948		
sets	19	Net assets o	r fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with					
Ass		end-of-year t	figure reported on prior year's return)		19	17,502		
Net Assets	20	Other chang	es in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O)		20	2,624		
	21	Net assets o	r fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20		21	26,074		

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

Form **990-EZ** (2014)

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Part II Balance Sheets (see the instructions for F	Part II)					
Check if the organization used Schedule O t	o respond to any	y question in this Part	: 11			
		( <b>A</b> ) B	eginning of year		(B) End of year	
22 Cash, savings, and investments			17,502	22	26,	074
23 Land and buildings			0	23		
24 Other assets (describe in Schedule O)			0	24		
25 Total assets			17,502	25	26.	074
26 Total liabilities (describe in Schedule O)			0	26		0
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agr	ee with line 21)		17,502	27	26	074
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SEE SCHEDULE O				,	1(c)(3) and 501(c)(	4)
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31 Other program services (describe in Schedule O)						
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32 Total program service expenses (add lines 28a through 31a) Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key E		h : ift		32		484
Part IV  List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key El Check if the organization used Schedule O to resp	inployees (list eac	on one even if not compe on in this Part IV	ensated — see the	nstru	ctions for Part IV)	
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Form 990-EZ (2014)

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Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the X instructions for Part V) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V Yes No Did the organization engage in any significant activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," provide a detailed description of each activity in Schedule O X 33 34 Were any significant changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the amended documents if they reflect a change to the organization's name. Otherwise, explain the X change on Schedule O (see instructions) 34 35a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year from business activities (such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a, among others)? X 35a If "Yes." to line 35a, has the organization filed a Form 990-T for the year? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 35b Was the organization a section 501(c)(4), 501(c)(5), or 501(c)(6) organization subject to section 6033(e) notice. reporting, and proxy tax requirements during the year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part III Х 35c 36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or significant disposition of net assets during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N X 36 37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? 37b X 38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee or were X any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the tax year covered by this return? 38a If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved b 38b 39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39h 40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911 ▶ ; section 4912 > Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year, or did it engage in an excess benefit transaction in a prior year that has not been reported on any of its prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L. Part I 40h Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912. 4955, and 4958 d Section 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), and 501(c)(29) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T X 40e List the states with which a copy of this return is filed **NONE** 42a The organization's books are in care of ▶ Telephone no. Located at ▶ ZIP + 4 ▶ No b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over Yes a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)? X If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: ▶ See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts (FBAR). At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside the U.S.? If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country: Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 — Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year Yes No 44a Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be X completed instead of Form 990-EZ 44a Did the organization operate one or more hospital facilities during the year? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ X Did the organization receive any payments for indoor tanning services during the year? 44c X If "Yes" to line 44c, has the organization filed a Form 720 to report these payments? If "No," provide an explanation in Schedule O 44d X 45a Did the organization have a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? 45a Did the organization receive any payment from or engage in any transaction with a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 and Schedule R may need to be completed instead of Form 990-EZ (see instructions) 45b

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46		organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political	. •	s on behalf of or in o	pposition				
******		dates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule	C, Part I			<u> </u>	46		<u> </u>
Pa	irt VI	Section 501(c)(3) organizations only							
		All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answ	ver questions 47	–49b and 52, and	complete the tables	for lines	\$		
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		Check if the organization used Schedule O to	respond to any	question in this P	ait vi		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		<u></u>
47	Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax								
	year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II								
48	is the or	ganization a school as described in section 170(b)(1	)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," co	omplete Schedule E			48		X
49a		organization make any transfers to an exempt non-cl		•			49a		X
b	If "Yes,"	was the related organization a section 527 organization	tion?	********			49b		
50	Complet	e this table for the organization's five highest compe	nsated employees	(other than officers,	directors, trustees and	key			
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f	Total nu	mber of other employees paid over \$100,000		<b></b>					
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52		organization complete Schedule A? Note. All section	501(c)(3) organiza	itions must attach a			77		
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**SCHEDULE A** (Form 990 or 990-EZ) **Public Charity Status and Public Support** 

Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust.

▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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OMB No. 1545-0047

Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Name of the organization

FRIENDS OF FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE

Employer identification number

		PARK, INC.				2/-119	08304	
P	art I Reas	son for Public Charity	Status (All organizations	must c	omplete	this part.) See instructio	ns.	_
The	organization is no	t a private foundation because	se it is: (For lines 1 through 11, o	check onl	y one box	.)		
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2	-	scribed in section 170(b)(1)			. 70			
3	<del></del>		ice organization described in se	ction 170	(b)(1)(A)(	iii).		
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	support from	gross investment income a	nd unrelated business taxable in	icome (le	ss section	1511 tax) from businesses		
	acquired by	the organization after June 3	0, 1975. See <b>section 509(a)(2)</b>	. (Comple	te Part III	.)		
10	An organizat	tion organized and operated	exclusively to test for public safe	ety. See s	section 50	09(a)(4).		
11	An organizat	tion organized and operated	exclusively for the benefit of, to	perform t	he functio	ns of, or to carry out the purpo	ses of	
	one or more	publicly supported organizat	tions described in section 509(a	ı)(1) or se	ection 509	9(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3).	. Check	
	the box in lin	es 11a through 11d that des	cribes the type of supporting org	ganizatior	and com	plete lines 11e, 11f, and 11g.		
а	Type I. A su	pporting organization operate	ed, supervised, or controlled by	its suppo	rted orgar	nization(s), typically by giving		
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Part II Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Sections 170(b)(1)(A)(iv) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 5, 7, or 8 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part III. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part III.)

Sec	ction A. Public Support						
Cale	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in) 🕨	(a) 2010	<b>(b)</b> 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")						
2	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
3	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
4	Total. Add lines 1 through 3						
5	The portion of total contributions by each person (other than a governmental unit or publicly supported organization) included on line 1 that exceeds 2% of the amount shown on line 11, column (f)						
6	Public support. Subtract line 5 from line 4.	<del></del>					
	ction B. Total Support				1		
	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2010	<b>(b)</b> 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
7	Amounts from line 4					3.7.	
8	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
9	Net income from unrelated business activities, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
10	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
11	Total support. Add lines 7 through 10						
12	Gross receipts from related activities, etc.	(see instructions)				12	
13	First five years. If the Form 990 is for the	organization's first	t, second, third, for	urth, or fifth tax yea	ar as a section 501	(c)(3)	
	organization, check this box and stop her					<u> </u>	<b>&gt;</b>
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	instructions						▶ □

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Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I or if the organization failed to qualify under Part II. If the organization fails to qualify under the tests listed below, please complete Part II.)

Sec	ction A. Public Support	quality direct t	ine toole noted	below, piedee (	somplete i art	11.)	
	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2010	<b>(b)</b> 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
1	Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")					4,964	4,964
2	Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose					16,797	16,797
3	Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4	Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5	The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6	Total. Add lines 1 through 5					21,761	21,761
7a	Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b	Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
С	Add lines 7a and 7b	20,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000					
8	Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6.)						21,761
	tion B. Total Support	T	Τ	1		<del></del>	
	ndar year (or fiscal year beginning in)	(a) 2010	<b>(b)</b> 2011	(c) 2012	(d) 2013	(e) 2014	(f) Total
9	Amounts from line 6	ļ				21,761	21,761
10a	Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources						
b	Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
С	Add lines 10a and 10b						
11	Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12	Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part VI.)						
13	Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11,						
	and 12.)					21,761	21,761
14	First five years. If the Form 990 is for the	_	st, second, third, fo	urth, or fifth tax ye	ar as a section 50	1(c)(3)	
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#### Part IV Supporting Organizations

(Complete only if you checked a box on line 11 of Part I. If you checked 11a of Part I, complete Sections A and B. If you checked 11b of Part I, complete Sections A and C. If you checked 11c of Part I, complete Sections A, D, and E. If you checked 11d of Part I, complete Sections A and D, and complete Part V.)

#### Section A. All Supporting Organizations

- Are all of the organization's supported organizations listed by name in the organization's governing documents? If "No," describe in **Part VI** how the supported organizations are designated. If designated by class or purpose, describe the designation. If historic and continuing relationship, explain.
- Did the organization have any supported organization that does not have an IRS determination of status under section 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** how the organization determined that the supported organization was described in section 509(a)(1) or (2).
- Did the organization have a supported organization described in section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6)? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below.
- b Did the organization confirm that each supported organization qualified under section 501(c)(4), (5), or (6) and satisfied the public support tests under section 509(a)(2)? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** when and how the organization made the determination.
- c Did the organization ensure that all support to such organizations was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)

  (B) purposes? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization put in place to ensure such use.
- Was any supported organization not organized in the United States ("foreign supported organization")? If "Yes" and if you checked 11a or 11b in Part I, answer (b) and (c) below.
- b Did the organization have ultimate control and discretion in deciding whether to make grants to the foreign supported organization? If "Yes," describe in **Part VI** how the organization had such control and discretion despite being controlled or supervised by or in connection with its supported organizations.
- c Did the organization support any foreign supported organization that does not have an IRS determination under sections 501(c)(3) and 509(a)(1) or (2)? If "Yes," explain in **Part VI** what controls the organization used to ensure that all support to the foreign supported organization was used exclusively for section 170(c)(2)(B) purposes.
- Did the organization add, substitute, or remove any supported organizations during the tax year? If "Yes," answer (b) and (c) below (if applicable). Also, provide detail in **Part VI**, including (i) the names and EIN numbers of the supported organizations added, substituted, or removed, (ii) the reasons for each such action, (iii) the authority under the organization's organizing document authorizing such action, and (iv) how the action was accomplished (such as by amendment to the organizing document).
- b Type I or Type II only. Was any added or substituted supported organization part of a class already designated in the organization's organizing document?
- c Substitutions only. Was the substitution the result of an event beyond the organization's control?
- 6 Did the organization provide support (whether in the form of grants or the provision of services or facilities) to anyone other than (a) its supported organizations; (b) individuals that are part of the charitable class benefited by one or more of its supported organizations; or (c) other supporting organizations that also support or benefit one or more of the filing organization's supported organizations? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.
- 7 Did the organization provide a grant, loan, compensation, or other similar payment to a substantial contributor (defined in IRC 4958(c)(3)(C)), a family member of a substantial contributor, or a 35-percent controlled entity with regard to a substantial contributor? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 8 Did the organization make a loan to a disqualified person (as defined in section 4958) not described in line 7? If "Yes," complete Part I of Schedule L (Form 990).
- 9a Was the organization controlled directly or indirectly at any time during the tax year by one or more disqualified persons as defined in section 4946 (other than foundation managers and organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or (2))? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- b Did one or more disqualified persons (as defined in line 9(a)) hold a controlling interest in any entity in which the supporting organization had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in Part VI.
- Did a disqualified person (as defined in line 9(a)) have an ownership interest in, or derive any personal benefit from, assets in which the supporting organization also had an interest? If "Yes," provide detail in **Part VI**.
- 10a Was the organization subject to the excess business holdings rules of IRC 4943 because of IRC 4943(f) (regarding certain Type II supporting organizations, and all Type III non-functionally integrated supporting organizations)? If "Yes," answer (b) below.
  - b Did the organization have any excess business holdings in the tax year? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine whether the organization had excess business holdings.)

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- Did the organization have the power to regularly appoint or elect a majority of the officers, directors, or trustees of each of the supported organizations? Provide details in Part VI.
- b Did the organization exercise a substantial degree of direction over the policies, programs, and activities of each of its supported organizations? If "Yes," describe in Part VI the role played by the organization in this regard

<u>5</u>	Income tax imposed in prior year  Distributable Amount. Subtract line 5 from line 4, unless subject to	5	
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Enter 85% of line 1

Minimum asset amount for prior year (from Section B, line 8, Column A)

Par	Part V Type III Non-Functionally Integrated 509(a)(3) Supporting Organizations (continued)							
Sect	ion D - Distributions			Current Year				
1	Amounts paid to supported organizations to accomplish exempt purpo	ses						
2	Amounts paid to perform activity that directly furthers exempt purposes							
	organizations, in excess of income from activity							
3	Administrative expenses paid to accomplish exempt purposes of supported organizations							
4	Amounts paid to acquire exempt-use assets							
5	Qualified set-aside amounts (prior IRS approval required)							
6	Other distributions (describe in Part VI). See instructions.							
7	Total annual distributions. Add lines 1 through 6.							
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•	(provide details in <b>Part VI</b> ). See instructions.	ation to rooponotto						
9	Distributable amount for 2014 from Section C, line 6							
10	Line 8 amount divided by Line 9 amount		11 WH 14 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1					
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4	Distributable amount for 2014 from Costian C. line 6		Pre-2014	Amount for 2014				
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2	Underdistributions, if any, for years prior to 2014							
	(reasonable cause required-see instructions)							
3	Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2014:							
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	From 2013							
	Total of lines 3a through e							
g	Applied to underdistributions of prior years							
	Applied to 2014 distributable amount	<u> </u>						
i	Carryover from 2009 not applied (see instructions)							
	Remainder. Subtract lines 3g, 3h, and 3i from 3f.							
4	Distributions for 2014 from Section							
	D, line 7:							
a	Applied to underdistributions of prior years							
b	Applied to 2014 distributable amount							
С	Remainder. Subtract lines 4a and 4b from 4.							
5	Remaining underdistributions for years prior to 2014, if							
	any. Subtract lines 3g and 4a from line 2 (if amount							
	greater than zero, see instructions).							
6	Remaining underdistributions for 2014. Subtract lines 3h							
	and 4b from line 1 (if amount greater than zero, see							
	instructions).							
7	Excess distributions carryover to 2015. Add lines 3j							
	and 4c.							
8	Breakdown of line 7:							
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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2014

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SCHEDULE O (Form 990 or 990-EZ)

#### Supplemental Information to Form 990 or 990-EZ

Complete to provide information for responses to specific questions on Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Department of the Treasury Internal Revenue Service Attach to Form 990 or 990-EZ.

▶ Information about Schedule O (Form 990 or 990-EZ) and its instructions is at www.irs.gov/form990.

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Name of the organization FRI

FRIENDS OF FLORIDA CAVERNS STATE PARK, INC.

Employer identification number 57-1198304

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 8 - OTHER REVENUE

DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT

OTHER REVENUE

\$ 6,326

TOTAL \$ 6,326

FORM 990-EZ, PART I, LINE 20 - OTHER CHANGES IN NET ASSETS OR FUND BALANCES

DESCRIPTION

AMOUNT

PRIOR PERIOD CORRECTION \$ 2,624

FORM 990-EZ, PART III - PRIMARY EXEMPT PURPOSE

THE MISSION OF THE FRIENDS OF FLORIDA CAVERNS IS TO SUPPORT FLORIDA CAVERN STATE PARK BY ACTING AS A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION AS DEFINED AND REGULATED BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. THIS CITIZEN'S SUPPORT ORGANIZATION (CSO) WILL ACT TO GENERATE AND EMPLOY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND TO AUGMENT THE STATE PARK'S EXISTING FUNDING IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN, ENHANCE, AND EXPAND THE STATE SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

FORM 990-EZ, PART III, LINE 31 - ALL OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENT

FLASHLIGHT TOURS, EARTH DAY, SPIRIT OF THE CAVERNS, ASTRONOMY IN THE PARK,

NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY, HYDROGEN PEROXIDE FOR CAVE CLEANUP, CHAINSAWS &

SAFETY EQUIPMENT, PURCHASE OF VOLUNTEER UNIFORMS, ALARM SERVICE FOR RANGER

STATION ALARM SYSTEM, TABLES AND CHAIRS FOR USE DURING SPECIAL EVENTS, NEW

WASHER AND DRYER FOR THE BLUE HOLE CAMPGROUND.

FORM 990-EZ, PART V, LINE 34 - CHANGES TO ORGANIZATIONAL DOCUMENTS

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# Citizen Support Organization Statement on Value of Contributed Services

This statement reports on services provided to the Citizen Support Organization (CSO) from park staff support and in-kind support for the past fiscal year. The statement is part of the CSO's Annual Financial Report described in Chapter 5: Section 7 of the 2014 CSO Handbook. The primary purpose of the Annual Financial Report is to provide a summary of the most relevant information to the Department and Division, and to meet the common interests of donors, members, creditors, and others who provide resources to the not for profit organization.

This Value of Contributed Services for a park is provided to the CSO by the park or District through the Park Programs Development Specialist. Note, the Division of Recreation and Parks operates on a cash-based method of accounting.

Park Name: Florida Caverns State Park

Park Address: 3345 Caverns Road, Marianna FL 32446 Name of the CSO: Friends of Florida Caverns State Park

A summary of contributed services for **July-December 2014** is as follows:

#### **Park Staff Support**

The total number of hours contributed in staff support services converted to a monetary amount.

The park contributed a total of \$\\$412.00 in staff support services to the CSO.

#### **Park Facilities Support**

The total amount of water, electric, and utility expenses used to support CSO events, concessions, etc.

The CSO received a total of \$ 350.00 in park facilities support.

#### **In-Kind Support**

The CSO receives additional services outside of the park staff contributed hours called in-kind services. In-kind services are a type of charitable giving in which, instead of money, a person contributes some kind of service, good, or commodity. Examples are professional services of a lawyer, accountant, or any professional or the estimated value of a good or commodity.

The CSO received a total of \$830.00 in in-kind support services.

#### **List of Program Services**

Federal charitable 501(c)(3) organizations are required to report total expenses and revenue for each program service. According to the IRS, a program service is any activity by the organization which accomplishes its charitable purposes.

For *each* program service provide a description, total expense, and total revenue. For *each* program service description, clearly and concisely describe the accomplishments through specific measurements such as visitors served, days of an event, number of sessions or events held, publications issued, etc. (add pages as appropriate).

**Program Service Description:** Flashlight tours; Flashlight tours are an opportunity for the campers to go into the caverns with an off-duty Park Ranger or OPS Ranger with just flashlights to do more of an exploring type trip at a cost of 10.00 for adults ages 13 and above, 7.00 for ages 3 to 12. The guide is then paid 30.00 for each tour by the FOFCSP. For the July-December short year that this report is to accompany the FOFCSP sponsored 94 tours, estimated 1,050 guests.

Total Expense \$2,490 Total Revenue \$9,922

**Program Service Description:** Firewood sales; The FOFCSP purchases firewood from an outside vendor for an average cost of 3.00 a bundle and sells them at the Ranger Station and campground at an average cost of 5.00 a bundle.

Total Expense \$3740 Total Revenue \$4535

**Program Service Description:** 2014 Spirit of the Caverns; The FOFCSP assists the park with this annual event. The organization develops an event committee then plans and coordinates with the park's PSS Event coordinator to collect donations and plan the logistics. The treasurer keeps an event report (attached) to track revenue and expenses. The 2 day event has an average attendance of 1200.

Total Expense \$1897 Total Revenue \$4976

#### **Total Program Services**

Provide a total amount for all program expenses and a total amount for all program revenue.

CSO total program service expenses \$ 8127 CSO total program service revenues \$ 19433 June 30, 2015

Internal Revenue Service Attn.: EO Entity MS 6276 Ogden, Utah 84201

Re: Change of Accounting Period

Via Fax: (801) 620-7116

Dear Sir or Madam:

This letter is to request our exempt organization's accounting period be changed from our current Fiscal Year to a Calendar Year. The reason to change our accounting period is due to **Section 20.058 Florida Statutes**, enacted on June 13, 2014, creating new annual reporting and transparency requirements for all Citizen Support Organizations reporting requirements.

#### **Exempt Organization Data**

Legal Name: Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc.

Employer Identification Number (EIN): 57-1198304

Mailing Address: 3345 Caverns Road

Mariana, FL 32446

Principal Officer Name and Address: Guillermo A. Carlo

2078 Porter Avenue, Grand Ridge, FL 32442

Change tax year ending date to: December 31st

Present tax year ending date was: June 30<sup>th</sup>

First Calendar Year accounting period filing return: January 1 to December 31, 2014

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Guillermo A. Carlo, President

GAC/ccm

Cc: Chris Hawthorne, Park Manager, Florida Caverns State Park

# By-Laws of the Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc.

Article I

Name and Location

Section 1 - The name of this corporation is Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc., hereafter referred to as Friends of Florida Caverns State Park

Section 2 – The principle place for the transaction of the business and affairs of the corporation shall be Jackson County, Florida, or at such other location as determined by the board of directors and the principle office for the transaction of its business and affairs shall be at such place as designated by the board of directors.

Article II

**Purpose and Objectives** 

The purpose, particular business and objectives of the corporation are as follows:

Section 1 - To act as a non-profit corporation which will function as a citizen support organization (CSO), as such organization is defined and regulated by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection or other agency which comes to substitute it. The CSO will act to generate and employ additional resources and to augment the state park's existing funding in order to maintain, enhance, and expand the state services to the public. Funding will be accomplished through special events, activities, and other programs.

Section 2 – Generally to do all things and transact all business which any person or individual may lawfully do, not inconsistent with the rights and purposes of a non-profit corporation, provided, however, the corporation shall not engage in any activities prohibited under chapter 617, Florida Statutes including, without limitation, those activities expressly prohibited under section 617.0505, Florida Statutes.

Section 3 – The Friends of Florida Caverns State Park may assist other non-profit organizations that directly support the Florida Park Service.

Article III

Membership and Dues

Section 1 – Membership in Friends of Florida Caverns State Park is available to those persons who support the objectives and goals of the organization, complete a membership application, and pay annual membership dues. No person shall be denied membership in Friends of Florida Caverns State Park based on age, race, color, sex, religious creed, national origin, or educational background. The members of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park have the privilege of voting on motions before the membership, joining committees, and participating in all Friends of Florida Caverns State Park activities.

Section 2 – The Board of Directors shall establish, define or modify categories of membership and the dues, rights and privileges of each category.

Section 3 - Termination of membership. Any person who does not pay dues by the annual renewal date will forfeit their membership. The Board of Directors of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park may, by majority vote, terminate the membership of any person or group that violates the rules and purposes of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park. A person or group being considered for termination is entitled to a hearing on the matter and shall be notified ten (10) days, prior to voting by the Board of Directors. Article IV

Membership Meetings and Quorum

Section 1 – General Meetings. General Meetings will be held on a regular basis to be set by the Board of Directors and announced to the membership. The election of the Board of Directors will be held during the general meeting in January of each year. The corporation's financial year will run from January 1 through December  $31_{\rm st}$  of each year.

The Board of Directors may designate another date, time and place for the general meetings of the corporation, in which event written notice of such revised time and place of meeting shall be emailed or sent via U S Postal Service by the secretary to each member at least (10) days prior to such meeting. Section 2 – Special meetings. A special meeting may be called by a majority of the Board of Directors or by 20% of the general membership. The request for a special meeting shall include a statement of the purpose of the meeting, topics to be discussed, and the time and place of the meeting. At least ten (10) days should be allowed prior to the meeting date to allow notification of the membership via email or U S Postal Service.

The president or any of the Board of Directors may call a special meeting of the Board of Directors. Section 3 – Quorum. The number of voting members present at any Friends of Florida Caverns State Park general membership meeting will be considered sufficient to conduct business and voting. However, a vote of two thirds of the voting membership present is required to change the bylaws. Article V

**Board of Directors** 

Section 1 - Management by the Board of Directors. The business and property of the corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, consisting of not less than five or more than fifteen members,

being an odd number. All members of the corporation are encouraged to attend meetings of the Board of Directors and will be considered "ex-officio" members of the board. The preceding year's president will automatically be a member of the board. A representative of the park may sit as an advisor to the board and membership, but will not be a voting member of the board or membership. A non-member must have approval of the president or other member of the executive committee prior to attendance at any board meeting.

Section 2 – Power of the board of directors. The board of directors shall have control and management of the affairs of the corporation, with the authority to engage and discharge employees and agents of the corporation, fix salaries, suspend or expel members, create and appoint committees, and to do everything necessary and desirable to conduct the business of the corporation, in accordance with these bylaws.

Section 3 – Quorum. Except as may be expressly provided otherwise in these bylaws, one more than half of the directors shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of all business at any meeting of the Board of Directors. The majority of the directors constituting such quorum shall be necessary to pass any resolution or take any action unless a higher vote is specifically required by these bylaws.

Section 4 – Agreements. The Board of Directors may authorize an officer or officers, agent or agents, to enter into any contract or execute any instrument in the name of and behalf of the corporation and such authority shall be general or confined to specific instances. Unless so authorized by the Board of Directors, no officer, agent or other person shall have the power or authority to bind the corporation by any contract or engagement or to pledge its credit or to render it liable for any purpose or to any amount.

Section 5 – Approval of expenditures. The Board of Directors shall approve the expenditure of all sums of all monies from the funds of the corporation, provided, however, that it may authorize a revolving fund as petty cash fund of not more than four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for a series of small expenditures by the treasurer or the board's designee prior to the approval but subject to ratification for proper corporate purposes.

Section 6 – Designation of depositories. The board shall designate the bank or banks for depository and drawing purposes.

Section 7 – Term. The term of office of the directors of the corporation shall be as follows:

Section 8 – Financial procedures. There is an attached Financial Procedures to the bylaws that shall direct the course of financial proceedings for this organization that can be updated as needed by the Board of Directors.

A – The directors shall serve for a term of two (2) years;

B – One-half of the initial board or the board at the time of adoption of these bylaws shall serve for two years and one-half shall serve for one year. In the event of an odd number of directors on the first board or board at adoption of these bylaws, the additional director shall serve for two years.

A director's term shall end on the expiration of the same or until such time as a successor is elected and/or until earlier resignation, death or removal. Directors shall be elected by written ballot submitted

to the membership or by an annual special meeting of the membership called for such purpose. Directors shall be elected by majority vote of a quorum of the members.

Section 8 – Voting. Each member of the Board of Directors shall possess one (1) vote in matters coming before the board. Directors may not vote by proxy. All resolutions must be voted on either at a meeting of the board or by conference call as outlined in section 12 of this article.

Section 9 – Removal of directors. Any director may be removed from office by majority vote of the membership at any meeting of the membership of the corporation. Ten (10) day written notice of the proposed removal of a director must be given to such director prior to the date of the meeting at which such removal is to be voted upon, such notice to the director must state the cause for the proposed removal. Failure to attend three successive meetings of the membership will be cause for removal from the Board of Directors.

Section 10 – Vacancies. Any vacancy occurring on the Board of Directors by reason of death, resignation or removal of a director, shall be appointed by the remaining members of the board. Such appointee shall serve the un-expired term of the director whose position has become vacant.

Section 11 – The Board of Directors may authorize the corporation to pay expenses incurred by, or to satisfy a judgment or fine levied against, a present or former director, officer or employee of the corporation in an action brought by a third party against such person (whether or not the corporation is joined as a part defendant) to impose a liability or penalty on such person for an act alleged to have been committed by such person while a director, officer or employee, or by the corporation or by both; provided the Board of Directors determines in good faith within what they reasonably believed to be the scope of their employment or authority and for a purpose which they believed to be in the best interest of the corporation or its members. Payments authorized hereunder include amount paid and expense incurred in settling any such action or threatened action.

Members of the Board of Directors may participate in a meeting of such board by means of a conference telephone or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.

Section 13 – Nominations for board. The executive committee of the board shall act as the nominating committee and will prepare a proposed slate of board members to present to the membership at the January general membership meeting and election. Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

Article VI

Officers

Section 1 – Officers. The officers of the corporation shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer who shall be elected by the board of directors at the first regular monthly meeting of the board following the general membership meeting and election. These four officers shall be known as the executive committee. The board may appoint other officers, as they deem necessary. The executive committee may meet as often as deemed necessary by the committee. Officers may hold the same office for not more than two consecutive terms, under special circumstances; the membership of the Board of Directors may waive the two-term-only restriction by a majority vote at their election of officers.

Section 2 – Removal. Any officer elected or appointed may be removed by a majority vote of the membership if in their judgment the best interests of the corporation will be served thereby. Section 3 – Vacancies. A vacancy occurring in any office may be filled by the Board of Directors. An officer elected or appointed to fill a vacancy shall be elected or appointed for the un-expired term of their predecessor in office.

Section 4 – President. The president shall be chairman of the executive committee and, as such, shall be the first executive officer of the corporation. He/she shall preside over all meetings of the board, the executive committee and the members. He/she shall have general and active management of the business of the corporation and shall see that all orders and resolutions of the board or the executive committee are carried into effect. He/she shall be an ex-officio member of all standing committees, and shall have the general powers and duties of supervision and management usually vested in the office of the president of a non-profit corporation.

Section 5 – Vice-President. The vice president shall assist the president in the discharge of the duties as required and shall preside in all meetings and perform the duties of president in the absence or disability of the president or in the event said office becomes vacant by death, resignation or for any other reason.

Section 6 – Secretary. The secretary shall attend all meetings of the members, the Board of Directors, and shall preserve in books of the corporation true minutes of the proceedings of all such meetings. He/she shall safely keep the seal of the corporation and shall have authority to affix the same to all the instruments where its use is required. He/she shall make out an order of business previous to each meeting for the use of the president, and have at each meeting, a list of all standing committees as are in existence at the time as well as the bylaws of the organization and minutes. He/she will prepare the annual report of the corporation and send out proper notices of all called meetings, and of other meetings when necessary, and to conduct the correspondence of the corporation. He/she will maintain an accurate roll of the members of the corporation as well as the clerical files of the corporation. Section 7 – Treasurer. The treasurer shall have custody of all corporate funds and shall keep in books belonging to the corporation full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements; shall deposit such depositories as may be designated for that purpose by the Board of Directors. All checks and disbursements shall require two (2) of the following (4) signatures: president, vice-president, treasurer or a member agreed upon by the board members; and he/she shall render to the directors at the

meeting of the board, whenever requested, an account of all the financial transactions and of the financial condition of the corporation. The treasurer shall be ex-officio a member of any committee of the corporation empowered to commit funds of the corporation. The treasurer will prepare (or contract to be prepared as is required by the state) all financial reports and/or returns. The treasurer shall abide by the attached Financial Procedures

Article VII

#### Committees

Section 1 – Standing committees. Standing committees shall include: special events, maintenance, membership and fund raising, By-Laws, natural resources, public relations, history, and non-financial records. The committees may be subdivided and/or changed by the Board of Directors as needs of the corporation demand. Each standing committee chair shall report to a member of the Board of Directors, at discretion of the President.

Article VIII

#### **Amendments**

Section 1 – Amendment. These bylaws may be repealed, amended or altered or new bylaws may be adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present at any membership meeting provided the membership has received written notice (email or U S Postal Service) of proposed Amendment repeal, alteration, or adoption ten days before the announced meeting.

Article IX

#### Interpretation of Bylaws

Section 1 – Construction. In case of any doubt of difference of opinion in the construction of the bylaws, it shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to determine the construction thereof and its decision, subject to the applicable law, shall be final.

Section 2 – All members shall be bound by and conform to all of the bylaws existing at the time of their joining the corporation, or as they may thereafter be changed or amended.

Article X

#### **Organizational Policy**

Section 1 – The Articles of Incorporation of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park places restrictions on individual activities. For a complete description of those restrictions, please refer to the articles of incorporation as a Florida Not For Profit Corporation. A member of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park may be identified or operate as such in commercial endorsement only in a connection with fund raising activities of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park. No member of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park may be identified as such for personal gain.

Section 2 – Execution of instruments. All contracts or instruments shall be executed in the name of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc. by two of the following: president, vice-president or treasurer. Section 3 – Dissolution of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc. In the event of dissolution of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc. its assets and property shall be dispersed in accordance with the articles of incorporation. Dissolution of the corporation may be accomplished as provided in section 617.1402, etc. Seq., Florida Statutes.

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These By-Laws of Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc. were approved by the Board of Directors on August 9, 2005.

Approved 10/12/2003

Amended 4/12/2005

Change in Registered Agent Amendment 8/09/2005

Amended 06/05/2012

Amended 4/7/2015

Certificate of Designation

Registered Agent/Registered Office

Pursuant to the provisions of section 607.0501 or 617.0501, Florida statutes, the Undersigned Corporation, organized under the laws of the state of Florida, submit the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the state of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation is: Friends of Florida Caverns State Park, Inc.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Clay Rooks, Certified Public Accountant

2438 Fillmore Drive, Marianna, FL, 32446

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes

relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent.

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Clay Rooks, CPA Date Approved 10/23/2003 Amended 4/12/2005 Change in Registered Agent 8/10/05

## Citizen Support Organization Statement of Accomplishments and Goals

This statement is part of the Citizen Support Organization's (CSO's) Annual Financial Report (see Chapter 5: Section 7) of the 2014 CSO Handbook. The primary purpose of the Annual Financial Report is to provide a summary of the most relevant information to the Department and Division, and to meet the common interests of donors, members, creditors, and others who provide resources to the not for profit organization. Report the accomplishments for the CSO's past fiscal year and goals for the upcoming year.

Name of the CSO Friends of Florida Caverns State Park

CSO Address 3345 Caverns Road

City, State, Zip Code Marianna FL 32446

A summary of CSO accomplishments for **July-December 2014** is as follows:

#### Estimated Total Volunteer Hours 1429 Total Membership 25

**Total Volunteer Hours:** Include CSO officers, board members, and general members.

**Total Membership:** The current number of members in good standing at the end of the CSO's fiscal year including officers, board members, and general members. When totaling the number of members in the CSO, typically individuals and corporate members are counted as "one (1)" member. Family, patron, or not for profit organization members are counted as "two (2)" members.

#### **List of CSO Board Members**

Attach a current list of board members' and officers' names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses in order of position title.

Membership/officer list attached

#### **Summary of Accomplishments** (Attach additional pages as needed)

Provide a report of the CSO's short term and long term accomplishments for the past year, according to the Annual Program Plan. These accomplishments will support the CSO's mission statement and will illustrate support of the park's expressed needs.

The FOFCSP assisted with 3 events during the July – December 2014 short year this report is to accompany. The first was the National Public Lands Day that saw over 300 guests and focused on natural resource education through walks, tours, exhibits, and programs. The second was Birds in the Park; over 300 guests learned about the birds found within the park through the efforts of CSO member Dianne Sue Bryant and her wildlife rehabilitation program. The third was the Spirit of the Caverns which saw over 1000 guests including over 300 school kids during the two-day event. This event focused on the rich history of the land that is now Florida Caverns State Park and educated visitors through first person interpretation, exhibits, camps, walks, and tours. The event committee was comprised of the FOFCSP President, Bill Carlo, the Vice-President Mike Mann, the Treasurer, Debbie-Jones-Mann and the Webmaster, Tim Trott. This committee diligently pursued donations and in-kind services to work with the P.S.S. event coordinator to completely fund and advertise this beneficial event.

Other accomplishments during this July-December 2014 short year were:

- 2 purchases of volunteer uniforms
- Sponsoring 94 after-hours "flashlight" tours of the caverns to an estimated 1,000 visitors
- Firewood purchase for resale to campers
- Washing machine purchase for volunteer village
- Funded bat house construction through Eagle Scout project

Summary of Goals or Priorities for the Upcoming Fiscal Year (Attach additional pages as needed) Build on the accomplishments from the CSO's past reporting year and include new goals voted on by the board and approved by the Park Manager for the upcoming year. Projected time frames for multiple year projects, like Partnership in Parks projects, will be provided. The CSO should attach the CSO's signed Annual Program Plan for the upcoming year to this statement.

#### 2014/2015 Goals for CSO:

- LED lighting for tour cave and Visitor's Center
- Assist with park events: 2015 First Day Hikes in January, Astronomy Night in February, Jazz in the Park in March, Earth Day in April
- Continue purchase and resale of firewood for campers
- Continue offering "Flashlight Tours" for the campers
- Help with purchase of volunteer uniforms as needed



# Florida Department of Environmental Protection

## **CSO ANNUAL PROGRAM PLAN**

Required Signatures: Adobe Signature				
Name of CSO: Friends of Florida Caverns				
For CSO Fiscal Year: 2014-2015				

	Description of Annual Projects	Resources Needed	Sources of Resources	Agency Approval Needed Y/N
1	LED lighting in tour cave	LED lights	private vendors	N
2	LED lighting for Visitor Center	LED lights	private vendors	N
3	Reading in the Park - Sept. Event Public Lands Day - Sept. Event	none	none	N
4	Spirit of the Caverns - Nov. Event	none	none	N
5	Birds in the Park - Dec. Event	none	none	N
6	First Day Hikes - Jan. Event	none	none	N
7	Astronomy Night - Feb. Event	none	none	N
8	Earth Day - March Event	none	none	N
9	Jazz in the Park - April Event	none	none	N
10	Muscogee Creek Rendezvous - May Event	none	none	N

Submitted by CSO President	Carlo	Date: 6/7/14
Park Manager Approval: & Hawthome	Digitally signed by Hawthorne_C DN: o=Florida Dept of Environmental Protection, anual=Chita Hawthorne@Espatia.fl.us, cn=Hawthorne_C Date: 2014.06.24 10.07:50 -05'00'	Date: 6/20/2014