

**Memorandum of Agreement
Between
Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc.
and
Amanda Bridges-Dunn**

The Southeastern Cave Conservancy, Inc. (SCCi) and **Amanda Bridges-Dunn (Applicant)** enter into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to engage in a **Chickenhead Dig Project** in Stephens Gap Callahan Cave Preserve. This document incorporates and supplements the Special Use Permit (SUP) request for this project submitted by the Applicant on September 7, 2022 (attached).

The term of this MOA runs from the date it is fully executed by both the Applicant and SCCi until March 31, 2023. This MOA is valid for the named Applicant until it expires or is rescinded by SCCi. However, the MOA becomes immediately void if the Applicant violates the terms and/or conditions of the MOA or any non-excluded provisions of the preserve management policy as determined by the designated project representative or SCCi Vice-chair.

Responsibilities of Amanda Bridges-Dunn

The Applicant agrees to follow the requirements outlined in her SUP request and this MOA, noting that *the SUP is substantially modified by this document*. In the event that requirements in the MOA conflict with those in the SUP request, the MOA governs.

Additional or modified requirements; additional authorizations; warnings:

- Microshaving and digging in the named cave are specifically authorized under this MOA; however, it is presumed that reasonable effort has been and/or will be made to avoid the need for either
- Safety with explosive materials is of primary importance with respect to their transportation, placement and discharge; clearing potentially unstable rock afterward is also a serious concern
- The use of bolts or other artificial anchors is authorized if suitable natural anchors are not present in any newly accessed areas
- If significant passage is accessed, survey is required; provide a digital map of any survey in PDF format at 300 dpi. In-cave sketches will be drawn at 20 ft/inch and drafted at same unless different scales are approved in writing by the SCCi project representative; if no significant new passage is accessed, no survey is required
- Provide a digital version of all data (provide scans of any survey notes at 300 dpi), maps, photographs and reports generated as part of this project to SCCi for unrestricted use; data, maps and photographs remain the property of their creator(s)
- Provide a brief digital report of each project trip before conducting another trip (email acceptable)
- No collection of rock/mineral samples or biological specimens is authorized under this MOA
- No permanent modification of the cave (except as described above and in the SUP) is authorized by this MOA

- **Emplacement of *permanent* fixed rope(s) is not authorized under this MOA**; any request for permanent fixed rope(s) must be submitted as a separate SUP in accordance with the SCCi Permanent Fixed Rope and Permanent Anchor Guidance Document; as a reminder, SCCi's default *minimum* standard for permanent anchors is two, 3/8-inch diameter, 2-3/4-inch long, 304 or 316 stainless steel wedge anchors with 304 or 316 stainless steel appurtenances
- Schedule exploration and survey trips, and coordinate activities through the preserve management team via the online permitting system; waivers of the preserve's daily quota will be granted provided Stephens Gap Cave will not be visited on trips when the preserve is at capacity
- The minimum group size is two individuals; limit the total number of people entering the cave to a maximum of 8 people per trip, excluding any representative of SCCi
- Whatever else the SCCi Vice-chair or his/her designee(s) determines is necessary

Responsibilities of SCCi:

- **Tom Whitehurst or his designee(s)** is/are the designated SCCi project representative(s)
- SCCi will provide reasonable access to the property as determined through the preserve management team, or project representative, or their designee(s)

Attachment:

- SUP request
- SCCi Permanent Fixed Rope and Permanent Anchor Guidance Document

Accepted By:

(Applicant)

(Date)

(SCCi Vice-Chair)

(Date)