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I began caving in 2010 while studying Geology and Geographic Information Systems at Casper College. After a geology class on caves I joined the Hole in the Wall Grotto in 2011 and became a member of the NSS in 2012. As the President of the Casper College Geology Club I helped organize grotto led events in order to encourage grotto membership within the college. I became Chairperson of the Hole in the Wall Grotto and continued to hold that position for two years while finishing my bachelor's degree at the University of Wyoming. I am currently the Project

Chairperson for the grotto where I organize events and facilitate preservation of caves, WNS education, vertical training, and responsible caving. I have spent my time caving in the Rocky Mountain Region where I have traveled to surrounding states meeting exceptional cavers and have had some of my favorite caving experiences through NCRC training.

To me, one of the most important aspects of being a caver is the community. The caving community is strongest when cavers join active grottos that are affiliated with the NSS. I am a member of several grottos and encourage NSS and grotto membership to all cavers that I interact with. NSS and grotto memberships build trust and spread knowledge through training and experience. With these memberships we can accomplish many goals and continue to build our community. I have never felt a sense of family as much as I do within the caving community. My NSS membership has led me to explore outside my comfort zone in order to become a better caver and leader.

One of my goals for the NSS is to continue building relationships with landowners. As a caver in the Rocky Mountain Region, many of our caves are on federal and state owned land, therefore they are at risk of blanket closures. I would like to improve communication between the different agencies and the NSS while encouraging research and education. Educating the public about the importance of responsible caving is a key factor in building these relationships. The NSS needs to be the positive voice that communicates not only to the landowners but also to the public. We can build a strong relationship between the public, grottos, and agencies with positive insight on conservation and responsible caving.

If elected, I will work to increase NSS membership among the demographics we are lacking, provide more representation for western cavers on the board, and work on educating the public and land owners.