Volcanic Caves of Central Oregon:

Ron Delano

Central Oregon is a predominantly volcanic landscape that presents many classic features of recent volcanic activity including numerous volcanoes of various types and stages, two major calderas and ample evidence of recent lava flows. There are over five hundred known lava caves spread over an extensive area. There are also "erosional piping caves" formed in volcanic ash formations. While lava tubes are common and numerous, these caves rarely exceed one mile in length. In select caves, ice formations form which are quite picturesque. Photographic examples of area caves will be presented.