Chip’s Hole Cave System
SR267/US319 Proposal

Friends of Wakulla Springs
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- **WKP**
  - 450sq miles (1150sq km)
  - 45+ Miles (72km) of Mapped Cave Systems
  - WLS = 35 Miles
  - Chip’s = 6+ Miles
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- Chip’s Hole Cave System
  - 6+ Miles Explored
  - St Joe Hunting Lease
  - Known Entrances
    - Chip’s Hole Sink (Chip Rivers)
    - Cal’s Cave (Moody Cave)
  - First explored 1974
  - Dye Traced to Wakulla 2021
  - Est 8 Miles and 8 Days to Wakulla
  - WKPP Divers Working on Physical Connection
Chip’s Hole Cave System Entrance
Cal’s Cave System Entrance
Chip’s Hole Cave System
Wakulla Cave System beneath US319
SW Georgia Oil Proposal

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- Water travels downstream (S-SE) from Chip’s Hole to Wakulla Springs
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- **WKP**
  - Dye trace – June 12, 2021
  - Dye released in Chip’s Hole was detected in the Wakulla Springs Cave System less than 5 days later.
  - WKPP divers expect to map the connection in the coming months
Wakulla Cave System
Between Chip’s Hole and Wakulla Springs
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QUESTIONS?