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JEFF WHETSTONE: 'POST-PLEISTOCENE' The human urge to leave a mark has developed extensively, but caves — the first canvases — have never been left behind. Proof positive are 10 large, haunting color photographs in this engrossing New York debut. They record the accumulated drawings, signatures, messages and graffiti in caves in Tennessee and Alabama. The tools range from rocks and charcoal (such as the original cave painters used) to fluorescent spray paint; the mark makers range from slaves to contemporary teen-agers. The result is an inadvertent cultural cross-section that is sometimes beautiful and always eerie. Julie Saul Gallery, 535 West 22nd Street, (212) 627-2410, through Oct. 25. (Smith)