

## Informed Consent Form

**Approval:** The Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council and Cultural Committee, and the University of Idaho Institutional Review Board have approved this project.

**Project Title:** *Schitsu'umsh* Relationships with Their Dynamic Landscapes: Identifying, Managing and Applying Indigenous Knowledge and Praxis.

**Project Description:** This project is a multi-stage, collaborative, pilot project between the Schitsu'umsh (Coeur d'Alene Tribe of Idaho) and the USGS Climate Science Center (University of Idaho staff). It will occur during the period of August 2014 to August 2015, and will focus on identifying Indigenous knowledge and praxis (practice) of the Schitsu'umsh people as it relates to their dynamic landscape, and seeks to translate that knowledge and praxis into appropriate nomenclatures and metadata schema for its management and application in addressing issues associated with climate change.

**Principal Researchers:** Bobbie White, Leanne Campbell and Rodney Frey.

1. I, \_\_\_\_\_ (interviewee's full name), state that I am over 18 years of age, and freely and voluntarily wish to participate in the *Schitsu'umsh* Landscapes Project. 2. I am aware that I will have an opportunity to review, modify, and approve of any specific information I share with the interviewer. 3. I am also aware that the final use and disposition of any information I provide for this project will be subject to review and approval by the Coeur d'Alene Tribal Council before it is publically shared. 4. A written description of the project, as a Letter of Introduction, has been given to me.

**Benefits:** The potential benefit of your participation will be in helping to culturally and biologically protect and perpetuate one of the Schitsu'umsh's most cherished cultural items - *sqigwts* - the "water potato." With the knowledge and information you share you will be helping protect the lands of the Reservation and its animal and plant populations, as well as help develop a sustainable "Tribal Garden." The Garden will help inform the youth of the Tribal traditional foods and how to grow them. The Garden will help feed needy families in the community.

**Procedures:** The nature of your participation will be that of an interviewee and/or guide to the research in participant-observations. In either instance, you will be asked to help provide your understanding of the significance relating to the historic and cultural meanings and uses of the *sqigwts* – "water potatoes."

To help accomplish this research you will be asked a series of questions relating to the meanings and uses of various aspects of water potatoes. The questions will occur in an informal interview situation and/or while you are engaged in some normal activity relating to your use of the watershed.

The duration of the interview will vary from an hour to two - three hours. Follow-up interviews maybe requested of you.

**Risks:** There are no reasonably foreseeable risks or discomforts associated with your participation in this research project, other than the possible length of the interview.

**Voluntary:** As this is a voluntary project, you have the right not participate in it or to withdraw from the project at any time, without penalty or consequences.

As a voluntary project, you have the right of confidentiality, i.e., your identity will not be revealed to anyone other than the project researcher(s) without your consent.

At the end of this form there is list of persons you can contact if you have any questions about this research, your rights, and any other research-related injury as a subject of this research.

I acknowledge that Bobbie White, Leanne Campbell and/or Rodney Frey, principle researchers, has fully explained to me the purposes and procedures, and the risks of this research; he/she has informed me that I may withdraw from participation at any time without prejudice; and has informed me that I will be given a copy of this consent form. I freely and voluntarily consent to my participation in the above mentioned research project.

\_\_\_\_\_ I waive my right to confidentiality, i.e., my name may be used in the research.

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not waive my right to confidentiality, i.e. my name may not be used in the research or disclosed to anyone other than the project researcher(s)

List any special stipulations or conditions established by the interviewee in the conduct or disposition of this project, e.g., use of images or photographs, or specific information or identities:

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Signature of Interviewee: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal Researcher: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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