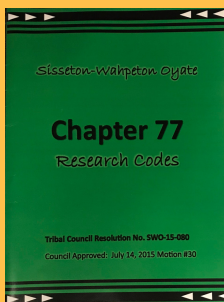


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Did you know...

SWO Chapter 77 is the tribal law that governs all research performed within the boundaries of the Lake Traverse Reservation. The purpose of this Code is to define tribal research policies, and to establish a means by which tribal research policies will be administered by the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate and to provide for general procedures by which the Local Research Review Board will grant permission to researchers to conduct research on the Lake Traverse Reservation.



We welcome your comments, suggestions and concerns. Contact us at anytime!

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Research Updates

From Heather L. Larsen, Research Specialist



Happy New Year! As the Tribal Research Office begins to update the community through a monthly newsletter, I wanted to share a little bit about myself. I am an enrolled member of the Buffalo Lake District and have two sons and a daughter. In 2006, I graduated from our Tribal College with my Associates Degree in General Studies. Then, I transferred on to the University of Minnesota, Morris where I earned a double Bachelor's in Human Services and American Indian Studies in 2010. During my time at UMM, I continued to live on the LTR and worked at SWO's Human Service Agency under the Financial Assistance Program. In 2015, I earned a Masters of Education degree in the Counseling and Human Development Program from South Dakota State University specializing in the Administration of Student Affairs. Before my current position, I was employed as the Academic Counselor in the Student Support Services Department at the Sisseton-Wahpeton College for five years. I learned so much working in the higher education setting and truly enjoyed working with the students at our Tribal College. However, I am equally passionate about working in this different capacity at SWO by continuing to build our tribal research infrastructure through research oversight as the Research Specialist.



Heather Larsen
Research Specialist

These Dakota values guide our progress:

Woadbdeza
(Observation)

Wowicake
(Truth)

Woohoda
(Respect)

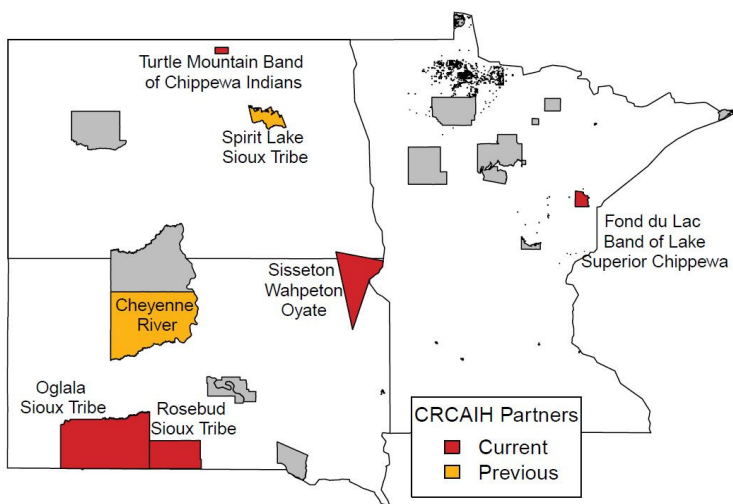
Wowaonsida
(Compassion)

Woksape
(Wisdom)

Historical Timeline of the Tribal Research Office



- In Oct 2013, Tribal Council passed a motion to establish an Internal Review Board to protect Tribal data and Tribal Government information.
- In June 2014, the SWO partnered with the Collaborative Research Center for American Indian Health (CRCAIH) to build and establish research infrastructure for our people.
- In Sept 2014 the SWO Local Research Review Board was established and began granting permission to researchers to conduct research on the LTR.
- In July 2015, Tribal Council Resolution (No. SWO-15-080, Motion #20) passed the Chapter 77, "Research Codes."



The map above represents the CRCAIH Tribal partners which include, SWO, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa Indians in North Dakota and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa in Minnesota. Not only do these tribes continue to build their research infrastructure to fit their community, but each tribal partner provides support to one another which has been helpful in addition to the support from CRCAIH.

Mission

The current mission of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate Research Office is to enhance the tribal research infrastructure by continuing to build the research review capacity, education through community engagement, and exercising tribal sovereignty through research data management. The main objective of the Tribal Research Office is to improve the overall status of all Tribal members through relevant, tailored, and culturally sensitive research as outlined in the SWO Code Chapter 77 – "SWO Research Code."

