OUR MISSION:
Create and disseminate a model for equitable Indigenous research partnerships with world-class research institutions in Indigenous Territories

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WHERE ARE WE

- Transboundary Indigenous Confederacy across Canada USA border.
- Covers 1.5 million acres (~640,000 hectares). Recently acquired 324,404 acres of fractionated interests.
- Larger than the state of Delaware (or nation of Puerto Rico).
- Contains 55% percent of remaining biodiversity in the region.
- Water rights to 5 watersheds, 518 miles (833 Kilometers) of streams and 180 bodies of water.
BLACKFEET WAYS OF KNOWING, BEING & PLANNING
Piikani Core Values

**Ts’ksi-ka-ta-pi-wa-tsin**
Blackfeet Way of Knowing:
Blackfeet culture/spirituality in philosophy, thought and action

**Nin-na-wa-tsin**
Being a Leader:
Professionalism, integrity, and responsibility in human interaction

**Ini-yimm**
Respect: respect for oneself, all other people, all ideas and each thing in the natural world

**Ni-ta-pi-pa-ta-pi-tsin**
Living in a Good Way:
Honest in all thoughts and actions.

**Li-yi-kah-kii-ma-tsin**
Trying Hard: commitment, dedication, sincerity in the pursuit of all our goals.

**Aoh-kan-otah-tomo**
Accepting Everyone:
Embracing the unique talents and contributions of each individual.

**Li-ta-mi-pa-ta-pi-yoip**
Happy Living:
Humor, laughter and enjoyment of life.
Authority: Public Law 103-77
(The American Indian Agriculture Resource Management Act of 1993)

2019 Blackfeet Agriculture Resource Management Plan

1.2 Authority
The Blackfeet Nation’s ARMP derives its authority to supersede Federal regulations from the American Indian Agriculture Resource Management Act (AIARMA) of 1993 – 25 U.S.C § 3702 & 3712, as well as Blackfeet Tribal Resolution 19-2015. As defined by the Code itself, United States Departments of Interior and Agriculture shall manage agricultural resources consistent with the Blackfeet Nation’s ARMP.

Indian agricultural resource management planning program
(C) Whether developed directly by the tribe or by the Secretary, the plan shall-

- determine available agriculture resources;
- identify specific tribal agricultural resource goals and objectives;
- establish management objectives for the resources;
- define critical values of the Indian tribe and its members and provide identified holistic management objectives;
- identify actions to be taken to reach established objectives;
- be developed through public meetings;
- use the public meeting records, existing survey documents, reports, and other research from Federal agencies, tribal community colleges, and land grant universities; and
- be completed within three years of the initiation of activity to establish the plan.
Measuring:

- Human Well-Being
- Food Sovereignty
- Cultural Revitalization
Amskapi Piikani Food Sovereignty
An Indigenous approach to systems change

Piikani Strategic Pillars

1. Create Sustainable Economic Development

2. Strengthen Our Cultural Knowledge – “Ihkitsila’’

3. Increase Organizational Development

4. Invest in the Piikani People

5. Promote Health, Healing and Nutrition

Indigenous Planning

Our Plans
Agriculture Resource Management Plan
Food Sovereignty
Climate Adaptation
Local Economic Development
Capital Improvement
Water Resource Management

Our Research & Tools
Tribal Research Agenda & IRB
Enterprise GIS
O’Komi & FAST surveys
Applied research partnerships

Our Future
Intergenerational Engagement
Agricultural Extension and 4H
Blackfeet Community College Partnerships with Universities

Our Land, Natural Resources & Rights

Improved Probate Code
Resolving Fractionated Interest on Indian trust land
Mobilizing Tribal Trust Land
Blackfeet Indian Land Trust
Conservation Areas & Tribal Parks
Self-Governance & Participation
Exercising UNDRIP (Section 36) & Jay Treaty Rights
Blackfeet Innovation Pathways to Food Sovereignty

Area 1: Negotiating Trust Land Laws, Policies & Regulations

Area 2: Creating Pathways for Indigenous-Led Research Partnerships

Area 3: Building Internal Capacity

Area 4: Aligning & Coordinating Food Production and Delivery

Enabling Inputs

Feedback

Amskapi Pilkani Values
Ksik Ksik Tsiimaa Tsiip Tsii (Thank You)

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