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Dear Potential Researcher:

We at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection recognize that scientific research is a valuable and necessary component of an effective watershed management program and that our vast watershed land holdings provide unique opportunities for research. Therefore, we cooperate with academic, Federal, and State agencies proposing appropriate studies on Division lands. However, coordination and supervision of scientific research projects are necessary to assure compliance with Division of Water Supply Protection (DWSP) regulations and policies to safeguard the water supply system.

All potential researchers requesting to use DWSP lands or waters for academic or state/federal research must first submit a research proposal for DWSP staff review. Research must be affiliated with a recognized state or federal agency or academic institution. Attached is the form to use when submitting a proposal and the instructions. Final approval or rejection of the proposal will be issued by the Regional Director, following a review by DWSP staff. Since the Prescott Peninsula was originally set aside as a research area and is closed to general public access, we encourage you to locate your research activities in this area if practical (MA Chapter 737 of Acts of 1972 – Kelly Wetmore Act). Review of any proposal may require a site visit with the applicant in order to clarify potential impacts associated with the proposed project.

DCR approved research projects will be subject to both on-going conditions monitored by our staff and an annual review by senior staff of research findings. All permits will be issued as annual permits, but individual projects can be issued renewals for more than one year. DWSP would also like to receive copies of interim and final reports, including theses or dissertations, research manuscripts, journal articles, etc., when available. **Upon termination of a project, it is the researcher's responsibility to immediately return any items belonging to DCR, remove all research apparatus and restore study sites as much as possible to their original condition.** Please note, it is the researcher's responsibility to notify the Division of project completion. Authorized Researchers are also responsible for obtaining any additional permits that may be necessary to conduct their work (e.g., scientific collecting permits).

If you have any questions about this process, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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**Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
Division of Water Supply Protection, Quabbin/Ware Region
RESEARCH APPLICATION**

Instructions to Applicants

- Any Research must be performed in conjunction with a recognized academic institution, state or federal agency.
- The attached research application must be filled out in its entirety. Incomplete applications will be returned.
- Researchers must identify the specific areas where research is proposed. Prescott Peninsula has historically been set aside for research purposes. Other areas identified must have a specific justification for the location.
- The researcher must identify a start and end date in the calendar year of the proposed research. Please note that all permits will expire annually, however proposals for longer periods of time can file for a permit renewal annually.
- All equipment proposed to be left on site during research must be labeled with the researcher's identity and permit #.
- Access will be restricted during inclement weather (generally December – April). Therefore permits will expire on November 30th (unless specifically allowed to continue).
- Researchers will be required to return access keys on November 30th, to be re-issued with a renewal permit.