

*Dear Relatives,*

*Please follow these guidelines for the protection of our medicine:*

- NO Harvesting Sacred Peyote Medicine on the '605' at this time!***
- No Walking the land alone without a guide!***

*Thank you so much for participating in this prayer of ensuring access to medicine for all the generations to come.*



## *Indigenous Peyote Conservation Initiative*




### **INITIATIVE INTRODUCTION AND CONSERVATION GUIDELINES FOR 'THE 605' Effective for 2018/2019**

In the Fall of 2017, 605 acres near Mirando City was purchased on behalf of the Indigenous Peyote Conservation Initiative by the RiverStyx Foundation for sovereign use by the Indigenous Peoples of the Americas and the Native American Churches for perpetuity. The Board of Directors was formally established November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The land will be held in the short-term by the Native American Rights Fund while the Board of Directors and staff of the Indigenous Peyote Conservation Initiative develop the land and organization.

#### **MISSION, VISION AND PURPOSE:**

Below are the DRAFT statements. They are still under review by the Board and legal council.

-  **Mission:** *Empower indigenous communities to conserve and regenerate their sacred Peyote medicine for spiritual use, for generations to come.*
  
-  **Vision:** *We promote the health, wellbeing, and cultural revitalization of Native communities through reconnection to, sovereign use, and sustainability of the sacred Peyote and the lands on which it grows.*
  
-  **Purpose:** *IPCI is an indigenous led, land-based initiative that directly addresses the ecological, cultural, and access issues related to sustainability of the Peyote sacrament. The IPCI engages in diverse biocultural strategies for spiritual reconnection and restoration of Peyote, including land access and stewardship, youth education, peyote cultivation, and a system of harvest and distribution that is spiritually and culturally sound. This is an international collaborative, supporting tribes and efforts focused on sustainability and indigenous sovereignty of peyote across the Native American Church, the U.S., Mexico, and Canada.*

#### **PEYOTE CONSERVATION GROUND-RULES:**

**ANY PERSON ENTERING 'THE 605' AGREES TO THESE GROUND-RULES. THEY ARE IN PLACE FOR THE PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION OF THE SACRED PEYOTE MEDICINE AND TO PRESERVE 'THE 605' AS A PLACE FOR ALL.**

- No harvesting on the 605
- Small Harvests for special ceremonies on the land can be considered by the full BOD and IPCI Land Management Committee on a case by case basis.
- Offerings are encouraged on the land! Please check with IPCI Project Director or another member of the Land Management Committee for Access and timing.
- Please contact Miriam Volat, IPCI Executive Director at [miriam@riverstyxfoundation.org](mailto:miriam@riverstyxfoundation.org) or Arnold Slowman, IPCI Conservation Manager at [arnold@IPCI.life](mailto:arnold@IPCI.life)

### **Conservation Committee and Initiative Staff**

A Land Management Committee was formed in November 2017 to steward the day-to-day tasks of conservation and operations of the IPCI and the land-base of the 605 and associated leases.

#### Conservation Committee Members:

- Refina Smith
- Miriam Volat
- Cody Swift
- Arnold Slowman
- Sandor Iron Rope
- Steven Moore
- Martin Terry
- Jonathan Vanderlien

#### Initiative Direction/Coordination:

Miriam Volat with direct support of Steven Moore, the legal team, the Conservation Committee and the BOD

### **DRAFT Desired Functions of the Peyote Conservation Land-base**

*A Pilgrimage, Education and Resource Center: Addressing Supply and Demand*

- Native land-based spiritual home and home for holy peyote conservation
- Work with existing peyoteros and train indigenous peyoteros
- Hub for Partner/lease with ranchers
- Intergenerational/Youth connection to the gardens and land care
- Nursery for research and supply for spiritual gardening
- Spiritual Harvest and training for spiritual harvest
- Pilgrimage site for resting and Ceremony