



Dear Potential Researcher:

We at the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection recognize that research is a valuable and necessary component of an effective watershed management program. Therefore, we cooperate with educational or other institutions and agencies proposing appropriate studies on Division lands. However, coordination and supervision of research projects are necessary to prevent inadvertent interference between research and watershed management activities; to avoid conflict with watershed research projects; to assure compliance with DWSP requirements, conditions, or standards; to maximize the benefits and utility of research results; and to avoid conflict between activities and public use of watershed reservations.

All individuals or groups planning to use DWSP lands for research must first submit a research proposal for approval. Attached is the form to use when submitting a proposal. Final approval or rejection of the proposals will be issued following review by Division staff members. 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. Approval of any proposal may require a site visit with the applicant in order to clarify potential impacts associated with the proposed project.

All projects will be subject to annual review, and will be reauthorized (or terminated) following review. It is the researcher's responsibility to submit renewal requests and to notify the Division of project completion. Researchers are also responsible for obtaining any additional permits that may be necessary to conduct their work (e.g., scientific collecting permits). Annual progress reports summarizing work completed to date and work planned for the next year should be submitted with the request for renewal. 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 all keys, remove all research apparatus and restore study sites as much as possible to their original condition.**

If you have any questions about this process, please contact Kerry Princiotta, at (413) 323-6921 x160, or kerry.princiotta@state.ma.us.

Sincerely,

William E. Pula, P.E.
Regional Director, Quabbin Region
Attachment

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

Note: All applicants may be subject to a security check

1. Project Title:

2. Principal Investigators:

	PI 1	PI 2	PI 3
Name			
Affiliation			
Address			
Phone Number			
Email address			

3. Goals and objectives of study, including values to DCR DWSP:

4. Starting date:

Ending date:

5. Will work involve use of DWSP lands during **nighttime** hours? Yes No

Maximum estimated daily length of stay in DWSP Reservation:

6. Describe methods (attach additional comments if necessary):

7. Specific areas or habitat types to be used (be as specific as possible; indicate proposed study sites on map):

8. List all personnel, in addition to PIs, who will be using DWSP lands (they will need permits):

Name	Date of Birth

9. Describe all vehicles that will be used on DWSP lands:

Make	Model	Year	State	License plate number

10. Will boats/motors be used for the research? Yes No

11. Describe equipment or structures to be placed on DWSP lands and/or changes to vegetation:

12. Will flagging or markers be used? Yes No

If yes, describe (Note: to avoid confusion with other projects, you may be asked to use a specific color or type of flagging or marker):

13. Specify final report or product that will be submitted to DWSP (a brief annual report is required):

14: How many permits and keys will you need, for access through gated areas?

Please attach additional pages if necessary, including maps of proposed study areas.

Completed application should be sent, at least four weeks prior to the proposed starting date, to:

Kerry Princiotta, Research Coordinator

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