

## Research Protocols Memo

**TO:** Archaeologists who wish to conduct research on Georgia DNR managed lands

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Under Official Code of Georgia (OCGA) 12-3-52, the state reserves unto itself exclusive right to excavate archaeological sites on its lands. More specifically, Code Section 12-3-52[c] specifies that the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (GDNR) is authorized to issue permits for research on its lands, and Section 12-3-52[d](2) specifies that permit applicants shall submit a detailed research plan. The attached research protocols are intended to fulfill these code sections while not deterring legitimate scientific research. Rather, the goal is to ensure that such research on public lands directly benefits the public, both through more-enlightened GDNR management and directly through information that will be readily accessible to a lay audience. These protocols will take effect for all new research proposed on DNR-*managed lands on December 1, 2006.*

*Please Note: Due to current Georgia DNR budget constraints, no funding is available from this agency for research projects initiated under this permit process. All funding for any research project is the responsibility of the Applicant and his or her sponsors.*