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? Start Here: Blackfeet EcoKnowledge (BEK) Protocol

Welcome.

This shelf is the private working space for the Blackfeet EcoKnowledge (BEK) Project. It documents how Elders' stories and ways of knowing are respectfully translated into XR experiences in collaboration with the University of Montana and the Immersive Learning Research Network (iLRN).

Our guiding principle: **Stories are living knowledge, and we are stewards — not owners.**

This space holds process documentation and translation work. All original Elder-shared stories remain stored securely in University-approved archives.

? How to Use This Shelf

- **Elders:** See your contributions reflected in *Knowledge Bundles & Seasonal Cadence* (Book 5) and provide feedback.
 - **Researchers & Collaborators:** Use *Story-to-XR Translation* (Book 2) to connect stories to design concepts, while keeping raw data secure elsewhere.
 - **Policy & Context:** Consult *Policy & Historical Foundations* (Book 4) for UM requirements, IRB approvals, and archival links.
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? Quick Links to Books

- **Elder Protocol & Research Ethics** → Ethical safeguards, IRB documents, and reciprocity commitments.
- **Story-to-XR Translation Process** → Summaries of stories, design affordances, XR prototypes.
- **Team & Roles** → Who's involved and what responsibilities they carry.
- **Policy & Historical Foundations** → Maslow's Blackfoot connection, IEFA Act, UM policy.
- **Knowledge Bundles & Seasonal Cadence** → Story insights aligned with seasonal rounds.
- **Outputs & Showcases** → Public-facing deliverables, presentations, and XR demos.

?? A Note on Safety & Respect

- **Raw story data** (recordings, transcripts) lives in **University-approved systems (SharePoint/REDCap)**.
- This Codex shelf contains **process knowledge and translations only**.
- All content is reviewed with Elders before being shared beyond this private space.