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Consent Form

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I, _____, consent to participate in the research project, *If Toads Cannot Speak: Researching with Animate Earth*, being conducted by M.J. Barrett in the context of her PhD work. I understand that in addition to using the results of the research for her doctoral dissertation, the researcher may pursue publication of her research findings and draw on them for presentations and seminars. The focus of my participation is to respond to the dissertation draft and discuss issues raised.

I understand that my participation includes a conversational interview and an opportunity to review the recorded conversation. Selected audio clips and/or transcript excerpts of the conversation will be included in the researcher's online hypertext dissertation and used in presentations and seminars. I understand that if there are any topics I do not feel comfortable discussing during the interview or interpretation process, or would prefer not to be included, I can have any reference to them removed. I can also choose whether or not to have the interview included as an AUDIO CLIP and/or a WRITTEN TRANSCRIPT (circle all that apply). I further understand that I may ask questions regarding the procedures and goals of the study at any time before or during my participation in the project.

I understand that to establish and maintain confidentiality (if desired), the conversational interviews will take place in a place of my choosing and audio transcripts will be kept under lock and key. To help establish anonymity, names will be replaced by pseudonyms (only if desired by the participant). While a valiant attempt to maintain confidentiality will be attempted, I recognize that due to the small pool of potential participants and the unique nature of the study location, anonymity cannot be guaranteed; I may be able to be identified by my colleagues. The researcher has informed me that confidentiality is also limited should I disclose any activities of an illegal nature (e.g. child abuse) that she would be obligated to report.

I understand that I am in no way obligated to participate in this research project, and that refusal to do so will not jeopardize me in any way. I also understand that I am free to withdraw from the research at any time without penalty. This project was approved by the Research Ethics Board, University of Regina. If the research participants have any questions or concerns about their rights or treatment as subjects, they may contact the Chair of the Research Ethics Board at 585-4775 or by e-mail: research.ethics@uregina.ca.

This signature acknowledges that I have received a copy of this form for my personal records.

Signature of participant

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