Informed Consent Form

Before agreeing to participate in this research study, it is important that you read and understand the following explanation of the purpose, benefits and risks of the study and how it will be conducted.

**Title of Study:** Archaeologists' perspectives on the causes of megafaunal extinctions

**Investigator:** Lisa Nagaoka, University of North Texas (UNT) Department of Geography.

**Purpose of the Study:** You are being asked to participate in a research study which involves a surveys archaeologists about the cause(s) of megafaunal extinction.

**Study Procedures:** You will be asked to complete an online survey consisting of demographic information and 5 questions. The survey should take about 15 minute of your time.

**Foreseeable Risks:** No foreseeable risks are involved in this study.

**Benefits to the Subjects or Others:** This study is expected to benefit the discipline of archaeology by documenting the degree of support for various explanations of megafaunal extinction, as well as the reason why archaeologists support some explanations over others.

**Compensation for Participants:** None

**Procedures for Maintaining Confidentiality of Research Records:** We are not collecting personally identifiable information. The confidentiality of your individual information will be maintained in any publications or presentations regarding this study.

**Questions about the Study:** If you have any questions about the study, you may contact (Lisa Nagaoka) at (lisa.nagaoka@unt.edu).

**Review for the Protection of Participants:** This research study has been reviewed and approved by the UNT Institutional Review Board (IRB). The UNT IRB can be contacted at (940) 565-3940 with any questions regarding the rights of research subjects.

**Research Participants’ Rights:**

Your participation in the survey indicates that you have read or have had read to you all of the above and that you confirm all of the following:
• *(Lisa Nagaoka)* has explained the study to you and answered all of your questions. You have been told the possible benefits and the potential risks and/or discomforts of the study.
• You understand that you do not have to take part in this study, and your refusal to participate or your decision to withdraw will involve no penalty or loss of rights or benefits. The study personnel may choose to stop your participation at any time.
• You understand why the study is being conducted and how it will be performed.
• You understand your rights as a research participant and you voluntarily consent to participate in this study.
• You have been told you will receive a copy of this form.

For the Investigator or Designee:

I certify that I have reviewed the contents of this form with the subject signing above. I have explained the possible benefits and the potential risks and/or discomforts of the study. It is my opinion that the participant understood the explanation.

Signature of Investigator or Designee  
4/5/2012  
Date