



INTERNATIONAL BUFFALO RELATIONS INSTITUTE

THE POLES

Our shared responsibility. Nations, Elders, youth, communities, partners, supporters, and their programs, objectives and goals. Each one a structural beam, each one bearing weight. No single pole holds this up. We all do, together.

THE ROPE

The songs, languages, energies, the wind and the voices and prayers. Buffalo Consciousness.

THE CANVAS

The International Buffalo Relations Institute. Humbly convening and participating in a flow between Buffalo culture and initiatives to increase our relations. The green painted line reminds us that our actions are part of a Nature Positive lifeways and represents a collective way of life.

THE BUTTONS

The Buffalo connectors that make ripples on behalf of the Buffalo Treaty in each community. They maintain Buffalo culture and consciousness by knowledge sharing, advocacy, and relations.

THE PEGS

The Treaty Articles, driven into the earth conservation, culture, health, education, research, partnership. They define the boundary of the work.

THE LOOPS

The community members actively living out those Articles, are the loops that connect the pegs to the canvas. Without them, the Treaty stays a document. With them, it becomes a living practice.

THE TIPI FLAPS

This is how we breathe. They represent our knowledgeable relationships with the cosmos and the States/Provincial, National and International communities, implementing UNDRIP, supporting the mission of global conventions for Biodiversity and the Climate. It is reconciliation in action. We collectively have the ability to open or close pathways.

THE TIPI LINER

Inside, the tipi liners are The Buffalo: A Treaty of Cooperations, Renewal and Restoration. The liner holds all of us together by each Buffalo Nation's stories and activities related to Buffalo that are further supported by each pole. Nations, communities, knowledge keepers, and land stewards across the medicine line and across generations. Unity that ensures the fire remains ablaze and continues to burn.

THE FIRE

The Buffalo is that fire. The spirit of the Buffalo is the source of our purpose and the measure of our work. The Buffalo reminds us to move forward from a place of good heart, spirit and intentions.

THE WOOD

The wood is what keeps the fire alive. resources, funding, capacity. Gathered carefully. Added with intention.

