

Community- Agreements

- 1) We will be open to being called back into these agreements by our comrades
- 2) We will remind ourselves of why we are gathered, centering those who we fight alongside and for. We will act from our heart and with conviction, rejecting ego and saviorism

Overall Strategic/tactical -Agreements

- 1) We will practice **strategic, tactical nonviolence.**

In this specific case, this means:

- a) We will not take actions that cause physical harm to other humans, animals, or native plants/ecosystems
- b) We will not carry or use weapons at our actions or in our group meeting spaces
- c) We will not intentionally block any ambulances or fire trucks. If an ambulance or firetruck is trying to get through a crowd/blockade etc to attend to an unrelated emergency, we will help it pass as quickly and safely as possible.
- d) We will not sexually harass anyone (physically or verbally). We will not use identity-based slurs or insults rooted in systems of oppression against our enemies (for example: fat shaming an ICE agent implies that their fatness is a problem and is an insult to our beloved fat comrades. Instead we can call agents what they are: fascists, cowards etc).
- e) We will not seek to instill a “negative peace” or absence of conflict, but struggle for a “positive peace,” or presence of justice. This means challenging each other to step outside our comfort zones and white-supremacists ideals of “peace and calm,” while still honoring our own personal limits. We should check in BEFORE actions about group expectations and boundaries- it is fantastic to remind each

other of agreements we've already made, but we will not otherwise try to police each other. We will operate in teams or affinity groups

- 2) We will have a buddy and will stay/check in with them! We will not run off alone!
- 3) While taking action, we will have an offsite support person who knows our emergency contact information, our general whereabouts, and what time they can expect to hear from us
- 4) If we are arrested or detained, we will inform the jail support team as soon as possible so that they can support us
- 5) We will follow necessary safety protocols when taking action
- 6) We will only take actions that we have sufficient training/safety equipment and technical expertise/oversight for.
 - a) This means both the training and equipment to do it well, and the training and equipment necessary to prevent disaster if something goes wrong!
 - b) For example: don't climb something without technical training and safety gear, check with local ecologists before bushwhacking in vulnerable wetland areas, don't mess with equipment you don't know how to operate or drive your friends' stick shift for the first time during an action, etc. (Note, these are not suggestions for tactics, just examples of things that would violate this agreement.)
 - c) If we aren't sure whether we have the knowledge or gear to do something safely, we will ask for help/feedback. It is always better to come back and do something well in the future than rush it now!
- 7) We will not have open flames or fireworks at actions or community gatherings

Exceptions:

- Indigenous-led ceremonies, using small lighters for cigarettes (please make sure to snuff out the butts!), contained campfires or grills with proper precautions. Please check in with someone with local firefighter experience if you are not sure if something is safe!
- 8) We will not coordinate or share information with the police about each other or our actions **(with a few exceptions)**:
 - a) Specific actions may use trained police liaisons for tactical reasons. If arrested, we can advocate for our own personal medical/accessibility/gender/translation needs (ex. “I need to take my pills, I need to be booked/processed as a woman, I need a sighted guide, hablo Español, etc). We can help each other advocate for ourselves (with consent!)
 - 9) If arrested or detained, we can choose whether or not to give the basic booking information needed to identify us (the equivalent of the information on a driver’s license.)

Baseline Tech Security Agreements:

- 1) We will not take or share photos or recordings of others without checking for consent (exception for taking photos during actions that are pre-announced as fully public and non-anonymous)
- 2) If we have our phones with us at any time during the week for any reason, we will keep them locked with a passcode or other non- fingerprint / facial recognition method
- 3) We will turn off location sharing/tracking on our devices while we are at the main community gathering hub.
- 4) We will follow agreed upon safety/security/comms/messaging protocols for specific activities/actions. We know that different actions within the week

will have different messaging, different tactics, and different agreements around security.

- 5) We will only participate in actions whose agreements we consent to follow.
We are welcome to develop our own actions with our own agreements, as long as they fit the general agreements listed here!
- 6) We will not publicly disparage the parameters of others' actions.