AMERICAN PERIPHENOMENAL SURVEY

🔄 APS Operational Workflow (Cascadia Division)

Division: Cascadia (Region 10)

Version: 2.0 (Two-Tier Integrated)

Scope: From initial signal detection to archival.

Phase 1: SIGNAL DETECTION (The Digital Sieve)

Goal: Passive Intake & Automated Stationing.

1. **Ingest Point (Public):**

   o Subject encounters **QR Code** (Field Flyer) or **Web Link**.

   o Subject accesses `/aps_online/index.html`.

2. **Data Capture (Automated):**

   o **Jurisdiction Check:** User self-selects Region (e.g., AK_SE, WA, NORCAL_JEFF).

   o **Phenomenology Scan:** User checks "High Strangeness" boxes (Silence, Hum, Time Loss).

   o **Narrative:** User inputs raw story.

3. **Stationing (System):**

   o Google Script timestamps entry and assigns log_id (e.g., CAS-104).

   o Data is written to `APS_Cascadia_Log.csv` (Status: PENDING).

Phase 2: TRIAGE & ASSESSMENT (The Gatekeeper)

Goal: Filter noise and identify high-value targets.

Actor: Senior Analyst / Directorate

1. *Review Pending Logs:*

- Check **`APS_Cascadia_Log.csv`** for new rows.

2. **Credibility Screen (The 3-Point Check):**

   - **Coherence:** Is the narrative intelligible? (vs. spam/bot).

   - **Consistency:** Do the "Checkboxes" match the "Story"? (e.g., Checked "Silence" and wrote about "Quiet").

   - **Location:** Is the location verifiable?

3. **DECISION GATE (Go / No-Go):**

   - ⛔ **DISCARD/ARCHIVE:** Report is spam, vague, or purely mundane.

     - *Action:* Mark engagement_status = 1 (Web Only). Move to Archive.

   - 🟡 **MONITOR:** Interesting but low detail. No contact info.

     - *Action:* Mark engagement_status = 1. Log for heatmap analysis.

   - 🟢 **ACTIVATE:** Report features **High Strangeness** (Time Loss, Oz Factor, Entities) AND credible **Contact Info**.

     - *Action:* Mark engagement_status = 2 (Remote Follow-up). **Initiate Phase 3.**

Phase 3: INVESTIGATION (The Analog Anchor)

Goal: Verification & Deep Data Collection.

Actor: Field Researcher

1. **Remote Contact:**

   - Researcher emails/calls subject.

   - *Script:* "We received your report for the Cascadia Registry. We would like to document the environmental details."

2. **Deployment (Field Intercept):**

   - **Tool:** **`APS_Field_Instrument_Reg10.pdf`** (Clipboard).

   - **Protocol:** Meet in public/safe location or conduct detailed phone interview.

3. **Data Collection (The "Missing 60%"):**

   - **Environmental:** Weather, Lighting (env_light), Noise Levels (env_noise).

- o **Physiological:** Verify "Somatic Markers" (Nausea, Paralysis, Fear).
    - o **Demographic:** Verify Age, Occupation, Cultural Background.
4. **Submission:**
    - o Researcher updates the **Master Log** with new columns (AE - AO).
    - o Status updated to engagement_status = 3 (Field Verified).

Phase 4: ANALYSIS & CODING

Goal: Taxonomy and Pattern Recognition.

Actor: Senior Analyst

1. **Classification:**
    - o Assign **Typology Code** (TYPE_A thru TYPE_E) based on `APS_Master_Coding_Sheet.pdf`.
    - o *Example:* "Subject felt paralyzed in bed" -> TYPE_A.
2. **Impact Scoring:**
    - o Rate impact_score (1-5) based on subject's trauma/life-change.
3. **Pattern Matching:**
    - o Compare site_gps with `APS_Composite_Map.png`.
    - o Does this cluster with other events?

Phase 5: ARCHIVAL

Goal: Preservation.

1. **Sanitization:** Anonymize personal data if releasing publicly.
2. **Storage:**
    - o **Digital:** `APS_Cascadia_Log.csv` (Master).
    - o **Physical:** Print `APS_Field_Instrument` and file in binder.
3. **Report:** Quarterly Briefing on Regional Activity.

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