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Recommendations Upholding the Public and Tribal Trust for Our National Mammal and the Unique and Distinct Population of American bison in Yellowstone

- Immediately halt the expenditure of federal funding currently earmarked for Hazing, Quarantine and Slaughter Operations and hold these Operations in abeyance until alternative, science-based wild bison management policies are adopted through a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to replace the outdated Interagency Bison Management Plan. The EIS should include a detailed analysis of the plan to manage wild buffalo like wild elk submitted by Buffalo Field Campaign during public scoping (www.buffalofieldcampaign.org/manage-wild-buffalo-like-wild-elk). If necessary, maintain temporal and spatial boundaries between wild, migratory bison and cattle by prioritizing Federal lands for wildlife use.
- Honor tribal sovereignty and treaty rights by resurrecting semi-annual, tribal-federal agency consultations regarding co-created, adaptive management actions for wild, migratory bison and empower treaty tribes, and bison tribes, with a larger co-management role regarding Yellowstone bison.
- Withdraw from the outdated Memorandum of Understanding with the State of Montana regarding the shared management of wild, migratory bison in the Yellowstone region and assert federal authority over the governance of the genetically-unique, wild, migratory bison on federal lands in and surrounding Yellowstone National Park. Include pertinent treaty tribes as legal participants and co-managers to any future Memorandum of Understanding regarding Yellowstone bison.
- Identify the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem as a candidate landscape to be protected under the 30 by 30 Initiative that seeks to protect 30% of America's public trust resources and aggressively acts against climate change. Ensure that the restoration of bison and other native species is a prerequisite to consideration of a protected ecosystem. To begin restoration, American bison must be recognized as a species of conservation concern with standards for viability and connectivity to habitat in the forthcoming decision for the Custer Gallatin National Forest's land management plan.

"Protecting the Last Wild Bison"