The police showed up early in the morning. They were all standing around their cars talking to each other at the base of the trap. They’d look up at me and then back to each other. After about five minutes, nearly fifty buffalo came stampeding out of the woods. It actually looked like some of them were dancing; others were butting heads. They surrounded the trap in celebration, running right past the cops and then past 20 cheering BFC volunteers. I’d never seen buffalo act like that before, like they were actually celebrating.

I became so excited and instantly knew exactly why I was there, why I was sitting on a platform suspended 30 feet up a pole in the Horse Butte trap. I was a voice for the wilderness, for the wild that doesn’t speak in English or in lines on maps.

I don’t know how many folks heard us, but we were speaking up for the buffalo. To shut down the trap and let them come out to their calving grounds in peace. Let those that we share the earth with give birth and eat grass on this little strip of land called Horse Butte. But as I sat there day after day, I realized this is not just about the buffalo, it’s not just about the wolves or the eagles or the clear-cut forests, it’s about the Wild.

What’s inside the world is inside us, and what’s in us is seen in the world. We are controlling the land, farming it, defining it, closing it off and managing it. We are afraid to let go, to flow with life. We must plan everything, establish security in our own lives and in the world around us. I see this in everything from a cornfield to a handshake to a polite conversation.

Where is the Wild? Who will walk through a roadless forest at night? Who will dance until they are drenched in sweat? Who will scream? And which ones will build barbed wire fences the length of Montana, and heavy handily manage every species in and out of the Park? I see antelope, elk, and buffalo walking with radio collars. I see a line cut through the land to the horizon telling me where Yellowstone Park exists. I see a bison trap directly next to an eagle sanctuary. I see great thunderhead clouds explode with lightning and rain, sunrises of blood red sky and a black wolf eating a fresh killed elk. I see choice.

–Akiva Silver

The Buffalo Field Campaign is the only group working in the field every day to protect the Yellowstone buffalo. America’s only continuously wild herd. BFC volunteers defend the buffalo and their habitat, and document every move made against them.
The last seven years of my life have been blessed by beautiful buffalo, thousands of caring people drawn to defend them, and the harsh wildness of the Yellowstone ecosystem. The struggle grows more difficult by the day but the beauty keeps me strong. Park rangers, volunteers, and representatives of organizations that care for the buffalo continue to be killed on a daily basis. With the Buffalo Field Campaign volunteers have been patrolling the Yellowstone boundary, a straight line arbitrarily drawn across the landscape, is the livestock industry’s line in the sand. While the 19th century was a period of great expansion, the 20th century has seen the decline of the cattle industry. In Montana, the industry is still intact, but in some states, such as Wyoming, the cattle industry has been replaced by the sheep industry. The Montana cowboy myth is stronger than the reality. Old West images of cowboys herding cattle across the landscape are common. 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Buffalo Hunting Montana Style: Again?

The Yellowstone Buffalo Preservation Act (H.R. 3446) is the first step towards a future of truly wild and free buffalo herds once again roaming their native habitat. Reps. Maurice Hinchey (D-NY) and Charles Bass (R-NY) introduced the bipartisan bill in the U.S. House of Representatives on November 5, 2003, demonstrating that buffalo protection transcends party politics. The Act calls for:

- A three-year “time out” on the hazing, capturing and slaugthering of Yellowstone buffalo both within and on adjacent federal public lands so that common sense solutions can be worked out.
- Dismantle the Stephen’s Creek trap located inside Yellowstone National Park.
- Allows buffalo to freely roam the Park and adjacent public lands.
- Authorizes and directs agencies to secure habitat for buffalo both on private and other public lands including settling the current conflict with the Church Universal and Triumphant.
- Returns sole jurisdiction to the National Park Service to manage buffalo within the Park without pressure from the USDA or Montana Livestock industry.

During March and May 2004, BFC made two trips to Washington, D.C. to educate members of Congress and gain support for the buffalo. Many remarked on how critical it is that we hear from constituents – that’s you! As of this writing, H.R. 3446 has over 100 co-sponsors, and a corresponding Senate bill likely will be introduced in the summer of 2004.

T AKE ACTION! You can check to see if your representative is a co-sponsor of H.R. 3446 by clicking here: http://www.buffalofieldcampaign.org/govaffordable_palin2should_prof.htm. If they are, please thank them for helping the buffalo. If they aren’t, let them know how you feel about the Yellowstone buffalo. We also strongly suggest writing a letter to the editor of your local paper in support of the buffalo. See the “Letters to the Editor” and the “What You Can Do” sections in this newsletter for key contact information and writing tips.

Congress Seeks to Cut NPS funds for Bison Killing

On June 17, 2004 U.S. Representatives Maurice Hinchey (D) and Charles Bass (R) introduced a bipartisan amendment to the 2005 Department of Interior Appropriations Bill aimed at protecting the Yellowstone buffalo. The amendment to “prohibit the use of funds to kill bison, or assist in the killing of bison, in the Yellowstone National Park herd” failed to pass by an incredibly close 202-215 margin. Had it passed, the amendment would have forced the National Park Service to find alternatives to slaughtering buffalo that approach the Park’s northern boundary near Gardiner and prohibited the agency from assuming the Montana Department of Livestock in capturing buffalo outside the park on the west side.

The 2004 bill was not the first time lawmakers have tried to curb the hunting of the Yellowstone buffalo. In 2003, Representative Nick Rahall (D) introduced a similar measure that failed by a 199-220 margin. The very close votes and the fact that this year’s effort garnered more support than last year’s show that the buffalo have a significant level of support in Congress and that momentum is building for a Congressional solution to the hostile slaughter of the Yellowstone buffalo.

Check out our new web site here: http://www.buffalofieldcampaign.org/GovAffordable_Palin2Should_Prof.html. If you are, please thank them for helping the buffalo. If they aren’t, let them know how you feel about the Yellowstone buffalo.

Helena Gathering for the Buffalo

On Saturday, May 8th, buffalo allies gathered on the lawn of Montana’s State Capitol, across the street from the Department of Livestock offices. We were there to mourn the loss of 278 of America’s last wild buffalo needlessly killed this year by state and federal agencies. We were also there in protest of Montana’s zero-tolerance buffalo policy, the driving force behind the massacre and slaughter.

The plush, spring-green velvet of the capital lawn was haunting. On the grass were rows and rows of headstones representing each of the buffalo killed this year. Every marker contained a small silhouette image of a buffalo, and some held pictures of their cruel treatment inside the trap and press releases detailing these heart-wrenching events. gruesome reminders of the crimes committed against the buffalo. Strange was the task of making the headstones, destruction and creativity intertwined, making powerfully evident the reality of what we were doing and why. Some were placed on the lawn to form a cemetery drove it all the way home.

Special thanks to Colen, Dave, and Nancy of the Humane Society of the United States and Patti and Dan Les and the Yellowstone Environmental Action Coalition for helping to make the event such a success. And thanks to everyone who came to the vigil and all of you who supported our Week of Action for Buffalo in your own communities. You can view some pictures from the event at: www.buffalofieldcampaign.org/assets/photos/gallery.html.

The CYIBC in Bozeman

The Greater Yellowstone Interagency Brucellosis Committee (GYIBC) held one of three annual meetings in Bozeman, Montana, this past January. The GYIBC is comprised of representatives from all federal and state agencies in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA) that have some role in managing livestock, wildlife, or land use. The committee has set a goal of reactivating brucellosis from the GYA by the year 2010. BFC volunteers along with other supporters gathered in downtown Bozeman to advocate for the future of wildlife in the GYA. Our message was plain and simple: The risk of brucellosis transmission is a myth. Kill the myth, not the wildlife.

~Colin Berry photo
A Different History Lesson

By Emily Magner

My knowledge of history was typical of most young people growing up in the U.S. History textbooks recounted the stories of this country’s forefathers, the very men who wrote history. I studied in detail the “discovery” of this continent, the founding of Jamestown, manifest destiny, and the construction of railroads. I experienced history through the eyes of Columbus, Washington, Jefferson, and Lincoln. Seldom did my history book mention buffalo and those who depended on them.

It is impossible to come to Yellowstone and escape a lesson in history. The stories of this country are written on the land—a land of change and permanence, fragility and perseverance. Ancient geological formations and vast spreads of forest attract many tourists. Abandoned homesteads slowly crumble as new developments spring up around them. In the background rises the majestic Madison mountain range to remind one of a last remaining herd of wild bison, a symbol of this land. We are reminded once again of another side of history too often left untold. Bison have been slaughtered for over 500 years by the many hands of history; for their wilderness; their relationship to Native peoples, for livestock, railroads, and greed. Once over 50 million strong, by the 1900’s the American bison population was only 23 survivors within Yellowstone, where their descendents remain today.

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Will history repeat itself again as Yellowstone’s bison are captured, hazed and slaughtered by the government this year? This year over 200 volunteers came to the BFC field Campaign to add their voice to the struggle and advocate for the protection of wild bison. We are always in need of volunteers. Help us change history and see the last wild bison protected for the future by volunteering a week, a month, or a season of your time.

Buffalo Resistance in Yellowstone

By Yote Risa

The slaughter of the last wild bison in America continues in Montana. Abdicating their responsibility to conserve the wildlife of Yellowstone National Park while caving in to the economic interest of the livestock industry, the Park Service this winter has systematically harassed, captured, vaccinated, confined, slaughtered, and shot members of the Yellowstone bison herd.

We resist because the past is written on the land—a land of change and permanence, fragility and perseverance. It is impossible to come to Yellowstone and escape a lesson in history. The stories of this country are written on the land—a land of change and permanence, fragility and perseverance. Ancient geological formations and vast spreads of forest attract many tourists. Abandoned homesteads slowly crumble as new developments spring up around them. In the background rises the majestic Madison mountain range to remind one of a last remaining herd of wild bison, a symbol of this land. We are reminded once again of another side of history too often left untold. Bison have been slaughtered for over 500 years by the many hands of history; for their wilderness; their relationship to Native peoples, for livestock, railroads, and greed. Once over 50 million strong, by the 1900’s the American bison population was only 23 survivors within Yellowstone, where their descendents remain today.

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It's Sunday, the 2nd day of May. 2004. I'm writing this as I sit on the crest of a bluff that overlooks the Madison River, watching a moose enjoy his meal in its waters. The ripples caused by the touch of his mouth to its surface captivate me. I find myself reflecting back on memories of buffalo roam, or at least what I have heard of it.

Words cannot do justice to the emotions that erupt deep within me when I picture the buffalo's run with their presence. Sparks of excitement ran through me when I saw the first one in the neighborhood this spring wandering past the front yard. He went for the grass in the way I can't believe the amount of time it takes some buffalo to find just the right spot to hunker down for a nap on a full stomach. To watch them reach their goal, each time pushing a little harder, just to get back up on their feet is thoroughly captivating and reminds me of how truly blessed I am to live here. As I sit on the crest of the bluff, I recognize that if weren't for every single tree, there would be no forest.

The same can be said for the Buffalo Field Campaign and the people who support it. If it were not for every single one of you who have ever donated financially and/or volunteered your time to help this noble cause, there would be no Buffalo Field Campaign. There would be no buffalo for me, my family, or my friends to enjoy watching from the comfort of home. How can I ever begin to express my gratitude to so many? I will start by never forgetting the dreadful price the buffalo have had to pay.

And I will always remember the struggle you have undertaken on their behalf. Thank you.

An organization is only as strong as those who stand behind it. You are the most important element in its foundation. Thank you for your dedication, perseverance, energy and, most importantly, your compassion. Every day I reap the rewards of your efforts. I and future generations will forever be in your debt. I so admire the courage and the buffalo inspire me with their courage, determination, and endurance. Giving up, freedom on the line to free the wild. Being here is an empowering awakening. The people I have met have given me strength, and those I have witnessed. I have sat with one who had enough of watching and put his tears ran over his cheeks and down his throat anyway, even in a way that can be hurdles.

The buffalo's story gets told. Knowledge is power. It can be really hard sometimes – I mean really really hard – to spend such sacred, inspirational, and scattered the seeds to other places, assuring the distribution and diversity of the rooted ones.

For the Lakota People, Tatonka; the buffalo were much more than just a source of sustenance. In another time, in dim history, the Lakota evolved from buffalo and there was a crucial connection between them, that Tatonka would sustain them, but they must not forget to honor this obligation to Tatonka.

Through the eyes of many generations, Lakota people saw how Tatonka made its offerings to Mother Earth. Tatonka carried the seeds of plants in its belly and its long wool and scattered the seeds to other places, assuring the distribution and diversity of the rooted ones. Tatonka helped create the world for plant propagation by loosening the soil with thousands of sharp hooves and by offering nutrients. The trembling energy of Tatonka’s massive movement stimulated the underground water levels and attracted the thunder beings, bringing necessary rain with it. Mother Earth. Tatonka contributed significantly to the existence of other species. The Lakota moved with and learned from Tatonka how to live gently upon Mother Earth, not to destroy her, but to contribute to her well-being, not to disrupt other beings but to respect them in passing, not to tremble in fear of the unknown, but to find comfort in natural Law.

Mitsukai Oyai’i, We Are All Related - Rosalie Little Thunder


The protection of Yellowstone buffalo is important to me because of our stewardship responsibility to preserve and enjoy wildlife, especially animals that humans nearly hunted to extinction. I’m outraged that the U.S. government is giving in is never an option.

It was the Winter of 1996-97 that I learned what was happening to the buffalo, and about the incredible group of people dedicated to their defense. They are our last wild buffalos! It is difficult, but it is crucial that we are here. We know that if we weren't the DRL, and their puppets would do even more harm. If we weren't watching their every move, the buffaloes would have taken liberties with their prejudices against the buffalo. So we are here, and the buffalo's story gets told. Knowledge is power.
Civil Suit

The Buffalo Field Campaign and its volunteers, through seven years of existence, have been subject to repeated harassment and attempts to restrict our constitutional right to document the government sponsored slaughter of America’s last wild buffalo. BFC volunteers have been physically assaulted, falsely arrested and imprisoned, and endangered by various government agents.

State and federal agencies and their agents have systematically prevented us from documenting buffalo hazing and capture operations. The agents regularly “close” areas of the National Forest supposedly to ensure “public safety.” Many times these closures of public land encompass several miles and are designed so that no view of their operation is possible without “trespassing,” for which they gladly make an arrest. When an arrest is made or the agents claim to be “investigating a crime,” they confiscate our videotapes in the field. Montana law clearly states that the public has a right to media confidentiality. Even after a court case affirmed this view in 2000, agents still continue to confiscate our media.

Perhaps the most inidious practice by the government is the heavy surveillance and maintenance of “spy files” on BFC volunteers. A high level of scrutiny and outright harassment of people who associate with the BFC includes the illegal practice of keeping files on law-abiding citizens. The government, even as they terrorize the ecosystem in their daily operations, regularly refers to BFC volunteers as “eco-terrorists.” This activity recently has accelerated with the passage of the Patriot Act.

In order to protect our volunteers and defend our constitutional right to document the hazing of buffalo, BFC and several volunteers filed a civil rights lawsuit in Montana’s Federal District Court. The suit, filed at the end of February 2004, names multiple government agents both in their personal and official capacities. We are eagerly looking forward to the government’s response and our eventual victory in court. Please check our website for the latest info on BFC’s efforts to defend its rights to document the buffalo.

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The Brucellosis Myth Exposed

What is Brucellosis? Brucellosis (Brucella abortus) is a bacterial disease that can cause infected animals to abort their offspring. Cases of brucellosis in humans, often called undulant fever, are extremely rare. The Center for Disease Control does not consider brucellosis a major public health threat that one does not report. Is Eradication Possible? Eradication of brucellosis in the Yellowstone bison herd is not possible without wiping out the entire herd. “Doe and calf” is based on the presence of Brucella abortus antibodies not on the presence of Brucella abortus. How is Brucellosis Transmitted? Brucellosis (Brucella abortus) is a bacterial disease that can be transmitted from infected dairy cattle to domestic cattle.

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Helicopter Hazing Lawsuit Appeal

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BFC was honored with visits from various school groups from around the West over the course of the past year. Special thanks to the students and teachers from the Singular School, Denver's PSI School, Wyoming Indian High School, and the De La Salle Blueber School. Your visits, and your dedication to the buffalo, are inspirational. If you would like to organize a trip to Yellowstone for your class to study firsthand the Yellowstone herds, please contact us.

Why are certain people catching bison and slaughtering them? I want to know why. Yellowstone National Park is not a safe place for them any more. I don't think it is fair to have bison being slaughtered. I don't think it's OK for bison to be slaughtered. It breaks my heart to see you suffer. We feel your suffering. You don't just suffer your pain, you stare at me. It breaks my heart to see you suffer. You don't just suffer your pain, you stare at me. It breaks my heart to see you suffer. You don't just suffer your pain.

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*BucKs for Buffalo is an organization whose mission is to protect the bison. They are being killed by park rangers who wear a buffalo image on their badge. Be a friend of the buffalo, speak up for them because they are a unique herd and need your help!

TRUE OR FALSE? Guess the correct answer:

1. 30 million buffalo once roamed North America. True False
2. Adult male buffalo can weigh more than 2,000 pounds. (That’s pretty heavy). Before you answer, think about how much you weigh. True False
3. Buffalo have a very good sense of smell and can smell you a mile away. True False
4. An adult buffalo can easily hop a six-foot fence and run 30 miles an hour. True False
5. The noise a buffalo makes is similar to a barking dog. True False
6. Buffalo are able to survive temperatures of 50 degrees below zero. True False
7. By the late 1800’s there were only about 23 wild buffalo left in the United States. True False
8. Buffalo leave circular hoof prints on the ground. True False
9. Buffalo eat anything they can reach including porcupines and skunks. True False
10. Since the buffalo is not on the endangered species list we don’t need to be concerned about their future. True False

ANSWERS

1. True. More than 30 million buffalo roamed wild and free from the mountains to the moun-Height

2. True. A bull buffalo can weigh more than 2,000 pounds and stand more than six feet tall at his shoulders.

3. True. This is an awesome sense of smell. In addition, buffalo have excellent hearing but they use their sense of smell to detect danger.

4. True. They don’t even need a running start! Buffalo can leap a six-foot fence from a standing position and run 30 miles an hour. How fast can you run and how high can you jump?

5. False. Buffalo make a variety of unusual loud noises including sneezes, snorts, and grunts. They don’t, however, bark like dogs.

6. True. Buffalo have lots of fat and very thick coats to help them survive extremely cold weather. During snowstorms buffalo huddle together to stay warm. In the spring they lose their heavy coats when they molt and the new hair they grow is short.

7. True. Less than 100 years ago buffalo were hunted almost to extinction in the United States. Although private, ranches herds were established before it was too late, most herds today are not allowed to roam wild and free.

8. True. Buffalo trachea are circular, making it easy to tell the difference from elk or other animals in the area.

9. False. Buffalo would never eat such things! They are vegetarians and only eat grasses, hay, or other grains. Imagine how much they have to eat each day to maintain their size!

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Thank you!

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Send me ____ Note cards @ $15/package of 10
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Please send contributions and requests to Buffalo Field Campaign, PO Box 957, West Yellowstone, MT 59758

Write Letters to the Responsible Folks!

Here is a list of decision-makers who need to hear from all of us, all the time. If each of us took a minute to contact these government officials, they couldn't ignore us.

Please contact the following agencies, and write personal letters that speak from your heart!

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks
1400 S. 19th Ave
Bozeman, MT, 59718
Fwpbison@state.mt.us

No hunt!

Montana Department of Livestock
Marc Bridges, Director
Box 222021, Helena, MT 59620
(406) 444-2043

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State Capitol, Helena, MT 59620
(406) 322-2047/Out of state 406-444-5111

* Protect, don't slaughter, this American icon!

Suzanne Lewis, Superintendent
Yellowstone National Park
P.O. Box 168
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190-0168
suzanne_lewis@npsv.gov

* You are charged with protecting wildlife, NOT livestock interests!

Anne Veneman, Sec. Of Agriculture
USDA Washington, DC 20250
202-720-3631

* Forest lands were set aside to allow buffalo to roam!

Valerie Capron, Chief
US Forest Service
200A Whitten Bldg
Washington, DC 20240
202-205-1661

* Vaccinate cattle – leave wild buffalo alone!

Gail Norton, Secretary of the Interior
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