Be a Voice for Wild Buffalo!

Contact BFC to learn about volunteering on the front lines, hosting video showings, distributing newsletters, and other ways you can spread the word to save the herds! Call (406) 646-0070 or email buffalo@wildrockies.org.

Get Involved & Volunteer!

Support BFC!

Individuals like you contribute the majority of BFC’s frugal budget. All donations are tax deductible. Make a secure online contribution at BuffaloFieldCampaign.org/bmp2.

Speak out on the Proposed New Bison Management Plan

Montana and Yellowstone are developing a replacement for the Interagency Bison Management Plan. Keep up to date on BFC’s proposed alternative, and on the developments with the new plan and how you can take action at BuffaloFieldCampaign.org/bmp2.

History books tell of the near eradication of wild bison at the end of the 19th century, when hunters almost drove the species extinct. Few realize, however, that similar forces threaten the survival of the species today. Buffalo Field Campaign exists to document these atrocities and permanently protect the buffalo.

Support the petition to list the Yellowstone bison population as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Contact your Senators and Representative and urge them to fully fund the ESA and to sign up for Updates from the Field, for our complete Take Action page and visit BuffaloFieldCampaign.org.

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Wildlife on Roadway no longer. Truckloads of the last wild buffalo, captured inside Yellowstone National Park, head for the slaughterhouse.

Condemned buffalo await their fate in the trap. Express opposition to buffalo slaughter, brought into the idea of “surplus” buffalo in Yellowstone, a concept that neither science nor common sense supports. The Nez Perce tribe, also offered bison meat in exchange for hauling the animal to slaughter, refused to participate. Seven buffalo were condemned to death as subjects of lethal government studies and 217 were shot and killed by state and tribal hunters in a firing-line style hunt that takes place along Yellowstone's borders.

Slaughter, continued inside.
In the Presence of... contribution or merchandise purchase. We cannot help the our grassroots network of supporters to take action for the a vision that recognizes and protects the United States' the field and the pressure on the government to abandon the policy front year-round to stop the slaughter and Buffalo Field Campaign works in the field and on information gathered on patrols with our protect buffalo and their habitat. We share connection to the buffalo, informing and Yellowstone's borders. As a result of these are allowed free access between the park and Montana and Yellowstone National Park are developing a new plan to replace the Interagency Bison Management Plan, an agreement that has facilitated the violent removal of 5,646 of America's wild buffalo since its inception in 2000. The new plan puts forth a number of preliminary alternatives for managing wild buffalo in Montana and the Park. These alternatives offer nothing new and maintain the status quo of population caps, hazing, capture, quarantine, birth control, and hunting with little to no benefits for wild, migratory buffalo. Buffalo Field Campaign has put forth our own management alternative, based on the way wild elk are managed in Montana. BFC's alternative was created using the best available science and taking all changed circum- stances into consideration. Visit BuffaloFieldCampaign.org/bmp2 to read our plan and learn how you can lend support.

With our focus aimed at the buffalo's preferred habitat on the Horse Butte Peninsula, we worked to identify buffalo-friendly landowners and offer them free “Buffy Safe Zone” signs to post along their properties. The hand-painted black and orange signs remind the government agents that, “by order of the Governor of Montana: The Department (of Livestock) may not enter private property without landowner permission unless there is an imminent threat of disease transmission from bison to livestock or people.” Where buffalo were once hounded by horsemen and helicopter, they now have nearly a thousand acres where they're left alone. On the largely pro-buffalo Horset Butte, our effort has given some buffalo the opportunity to raise their calves in peace, allowing them to decide for themselves when the time is right to return to their summer habitat inside Yellowstone.

support Buffalo Field Campaign needs you! Buffalo Field Campaign works in the field and on the policy front year-round to stop the slaughter and harassment of native bison. Donations keep our patrols in the field and the pressure on the government to abandon the failed Interagency Bison Management Plan in favor of a vision that recognizes and protects the United States’ only continuously wild population of bison. BFC relies on our grassroots network of supporters to take action for the buffalo and contribute to our work. Please use the enclosed envelope or visit BFC's website to make a tax-deductible contribution or merchandise purchase. We cannot help the buffalo without you. Thank you!

Logos BFC has created a new logo! This new image captures the essence of our mission with elements representing the last wild bison and their ecosystem.

Exciting BFC News! BFC gear: We will include a new e-store where you will be able to purchase exciting products emblazoned with the new logo. As always, proceeds go directly to support our front line work.

Keep an eye on your email for an invitation to the new site along with photos, art, and fun facts and will do what it takes to earn new support.

Politics & Courtrooms Endangered Species Act Protection Sought for Yellowstone Bison In November 2014 Buffalo Field Campaign and Western Watersheds Project petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to list the Yellowstone population under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). Wild bison are currently forcibly removed or destroyed when they migrate from Yellowstone to surrounding states. Yellowstone bison are the only remaining genetically intact and freely migrating wild plains bison in the United States. Nearly all surviving bison are private livestock or descendants of bison that were interbred with cattle. These hybridized cattle-bison in privately owned herds are not wildlife. Most public bison exist in isolated populations on restricted ranges with no predators, subject to human selection.

The best available science shows that the Yellowstone population is unique, significant, genetically and behaviorally distinct, and essential to the survival and recovery of the species. Our petition catalogs the many threats to wild bison, including removal from their habitat to facilitate livestock grazing, heavy government management, livestock diseases, trapping for slaughter, hunting, and climate change. State actions in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming all result in forced removal or destruction of migratory bison. The FWS failed to issue an initial finding on our petition within 90 days, as required by the ESA. Understanding that most successful efforts to protect species under the Act require lengthy court battles, we have assembled a legal team and will do what it takes to earn wild bison the protection they so desperately need.

Buffalo or Bison? BOTH! Buffalo is the popular name for North American Bison, whose scientific name is Bison bison. So, both names are correct and in common usage, and you’ll see both throughout this newsletter.

Slaughter, continued from front Hundreds more bison, including newborn calves, were aggressively chased from their calving grounds near West Yellowstone in a series of springtime operations led by Montana's Department of Livestock to clear the state of free-roaming buffalo.

Buffalo Field Campaign maintained a strong presence with the buffalo, documenting every action against them and working to protect them through legal and legislative efforts. Our greatest strength lies in our grassroots network of supporters. Now we encourage your involvement.