

## HELP SAVE THE YELLOWSTONE BISON OUR NATIONAL MAMMAL

Bison have lived in North America for 200,000 years and the Yellowstone ecosystem since prehistoric times. Yellowstone bison are the only migratory population remaining in the wild in their original range.

Bison survived the megafaunal extinctions that claimed the mammoth and mastodon.

Bison survived the near extinction of market hunting.

Will Bison survive the 21st century?

Today, the wild American bison is:

Extinct in 99% of their range in North America. Regionally extinct in 40 States, and possibly extinct in Texas. Less than 1% of their former numbers.

Acres of National Forest habitat in the Western Region: 160,820,554.

Number of self-sustaining herds of wild plains bison on National Forest lands: 0

The future for wild American bison is uncertain:

All 14 long distance migration routes for bison in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem have been lost to human development.

"[G]lobal climate change drives body size of *Bison* spp., that is, as temperatures warmed, *Bison* became smaller. . . It is unclear whether *Bison* can adapt body size to a 4° C warming within 10 generations by year 2100." Jeff M. Martin et al. 2018.

Bison roaming free on the land of their birth right is a sacred public trust the American people must protect for future generations.

Help protect Yellowstone bison under the Endangered Species Act

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