

TABLE 17: HISTORIC BISON POPULATION COUNTS AND REMOVALS FROM THE WINTERS 1901–02 TO 1999–2000

Winter of Year	Total Bison Counted	Total Bison Removed	Winter of Year	Total Bison Counted	Total Bison Removed	Winter of Year	Total Bison Counted	Total Bison Removed
1901–02	44	0	1936–37	674	17	1969–70	592	0
1902–03	47	1	1937–38	755	25	1970–71	565	0
1903–04	51	7	1938–39	811	67	1971–72	713	0
1904–05	74	0	1939–40	868	3	1972–73	837	0
1905–06	nc	nc	1940–41	809	213	1973–74	873	0
1906–07	84	2	1941–42	869	202	1974–75	1,068	0
1907–08	95	1	1942–43	964	11	1975–76	1,125	8
1908–09	118	5	1943–44	747	407	1976–77	1,252	nc ²
1909–10	149	3	1944–45	932	nc	1977–78	1,626	nc ²
1910–11	168	2	1945–46	791	238	1978–79	1,727	nc ²
1911–12	192	28	1946–47	nc	nc	1979–80	1,803	nc ²
1912–13	215	8	1947–48	960	237	1980–81	2,396	nc ²
1913–14	nc	nc	1948–49	1,126	nc	1981–82	2,239	0
1914–15	270	4	1949–50	1,094	228	1982–83	2,160	0
1915–16	348	18	1950–51	nc	nc	1983–84	2,229	0
1916–17	397	11	1951–52	976	250	1984–85	2,114	88
1917–18	nc	nc	1952–53	nc	nc	1985–86	2,291	57
1918–19	504	46	1953–54	1,477	139	1986–87	2,433	6
1919–20	501	17	1954–55	1,350 ¹	288	1987–88	2,644	35
1920–21	602	7	1955–56	1,258	373	1988–89	3,159	569
1921–22	647	56	1956–57	543	273	1989–90	2,606	4
1922–23	748	14	1957–58	nc	12	1990–91	3,178	14
1923–24	nc	nc	1958–59	800 ¹	44	1991–92	3,426	271
1924–25	830	109	1959–60	800 ¹	nc	1992–93	3,304	79
1925–26	931	23	1960–61	869	nc	1993–94	3,551	5
1926–27	1,008	41	1961–62	975 ¹	148	1994–95	3,956	427
1927–28	1,057	58	1962–63	819 ¹	370	1995–96	3,398	433
1928–29	1,109	106	1963–64	821 ¹	6	1996–97	3,436	1,084
1929–30	1,124	132	1964–65	388	392 ³	1997–98	2,105	11
1931–32	nc	nc	1965–66	226	54	1998–99	2,239	94
1932–33	nc	nc	1966–67	397	3	1999–2000	2,444	0 ⁴
1934–35	nc	nc	1967–68	418	4			
1935–36	847	109	1968–69	556	0			

SOURCE: NPS, Meagher 1973; Meagher, unpubl. data; Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, Montana Department of Livestock, and National Park Service, unpubl. data).

NOTE: Sources of removals include culling from the semidomestic Lamar Ranch, hunting and agency shooting, and capture and slaughter.

nc = not counted or information unavailable

1. Estimates, rather than actual counts.

2. During 1976–81 a few bulls were removed.

3. Includes 38 from natural mortality.

4. As of November 1999.

