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Re: Hunt Mtg Notes

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Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 12:18 PM

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They did....their LE supervisor was the only enforcement present and he had little direct experience in the theater. Enforcement concerns were food storage, shooting near roads, campgrounds. Mary supported allowing bison to migrate.....but otherwise stayed on the periphery and let State do the lifting.

She did speak to me at lunch about getting the right people together to assist with language in the Forest Plan regarding bison. I told her that we thought it important that bison and bison habitat be addressed in their planning effort and could easily assemble right people to help with language.

USFS silent on mention of temp trapping facility to North.

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On Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 12:01 PM, White, P <pj_white@nps.gov> wrote:
Did the USFS weigh in at all regarding the hunt, etc.?

On Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 11:13 AM, Reid, Tim <tim_reid@nps.gov> wrote:
Brian Helms and I attended the State-Tribal hunt mtg in Msla on 6/13. Attached are some quick and dirty notes and the agenda.

Brian - add anything I missed that you consider noteworthy.

Tim

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Thu, Jun 14, 2018 at 12:30 PM

thanks

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MT Tribal Hunt Meeting - Missoula
06/13/2018

Bison hunt meeting well attended

- Full state contingent: Holmes, Volesky, Deleray, Hale
- NP, CSKT, N ARAP, UMATILLA, SHO-BAN, BF, YAKIMA
- IBMP Principals: Deleray, Erickson, McDonald, Paisano (new NP)
- NPS: Helms, Reid

The main points I put forward when I talked were:

- Current population
- Concept of long term average of 4200
- Manage/conduct hunt in manner that allows bison to use/learn full landscape
 - Abstain from W side hunting for a season
 - Hunt N in a way that allows bison to migrate past Beattie.
 - Trap capability at N end of G-Basin supports maximizing hunt as pop mgmt. tool
- Volesky asked me to address a couple questions/issues that came up in earlier discussions. The main concept I spoke to was "3,000": it's origin, what it really means, the 2006 adaptive change/recognition that it is mgmt. threshold, not target, part of negotiated settlement 18 years earlier in context of no bison out of park/cattle proximal to park, etc.

Brian addressed hunt enforcement details and questions. Nothing too major there. Success in hunt mgmt. was recognized as having enough enforcement there. FWP absence noted as weak link.

Reiterated throughout the concept of hunt managed in way that allows full distribution of bison across the landscapes.

State put out a straw man MOA for Beattie that basically had tribes adopting state regs for treaty hunting. Predictable push-back, ultimately tribes agreed to look at document and see what, if any, components of state draft could be incorporated in the 2018/19 tribal MOA. Volesky threw down with threat of gov EO to close hunting in Beattie....Holmes smoothed out resultant furor over that comment.

Much discussion about state permitted hunter conflict, presence in Beattie theater.

Bottom line is the meeting was very Beattie-centric, despite consistent hammering on the idea of allowing bison to migrate by NPS and a few others.

10:30 a.m. Winter 2017-2018 Harvest Summary

- Report on 2017-2018 bison harvest by area
- Plans for reporting harvest in 2018-2019 season

10:45 a.m. Population Management Goals, Survey Results, Others YNP, All 2009

11:30 a.m. Perspectives 2017-2018 Hunt Outcome, All

12:00 p.m. Lunch

1:00 p.m. Enforcement Discussion, FWP, Tribes, USFS, DOL and YNP

- Enforcement Empowerment
- Hunt Boss/Coordinator
- Wounding losses ...
- Waste
- Season dates
- Food Storage

□ 3,000

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2:00 p.m. Proposed Tribes/State MOU, FWP, Tribes

- Need and Purpose for Proposed MOU
- MOU draft framework
- Conceptual modifications to hunt format
 - Hunter Distribution and Capacity
 - Safety Closures
 - Universal Regulations

2:45 p.m. Next Steps, All

3:00 p.m. Adjourn, Safe Travels

- 2009
- long term x 420
- 65/24 guarantee
- # is closed #
- long term
- strategy
- let bison
- use midday
- leave
- leave west
- alone
- N

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4,400
750
3,650



STATE OF MONTANA & TRIBAL TREATY BISON HUNT MEETING
HOLIDAY INN MISSOULA DOWNTOWN, 200 S. PATTEE, MISSOULA, MT
JUNE 13, 2018



AGENDA

10:00 a.m. Welcoming Remarks, *FWP*
Opening Prayer, *Tribal Elder*
Introductions

10:15 a.m. Affirmation of Hunt Goals, *All*
• By sovereign, describe a definition of success