

**DECISION MEMO FOR OUTGOING FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2010 PENDING AWARDS**

Agreement NO.: (if assigned) and type: 10-9730-0124-CA

Cooperator Name: **State of Montana, Department of Livestock
Bison Operations**

Funding Level: **\$525,000.00**

Answer the following questions for new and continued agreements and for agreements that are revised to increase the funding level. This template pertains to agreements under which funds are transferred out of APHIS including cooperative agreements, grants, and interagency agreements with non-USDA agencies. Delete any information in red when completing the form.

1. What is the purpose of the agreement? This cooperative agreement will reduce the risk of transmission of brucellosis from bison to cattle; maintain the marketability of Montana livestock; preserve the viability of wild bison population; and protect animal and human health by preventing further introduction of brucellosis.
2. How does the purpose/agreement align with the agency's and Secretary's priorities? (Refer to VS and USDA goals by number i.e., VS Goal 1, USDA Goal 6.) Veterinary Services Goals #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 – also USDA Goal #1 and #2.
3. How is the agreement accomplishing its activities to achieve the results as stated in the agreement? The cooperative agreement funding will allow the Montana Department of Livestock to work to prevent transmission of *Brucella abortus* from brucellosis infected bison to livestock in the Greater Yellowstone area; allows the implementation of the Interagency Bison Management plan; and prevents the further introduction of brucellosis into the State of Montana due to infected bison from Yellowstone National Park.
4. Is the same amount of funding needed this year as last year to accomplish the goals in the agreement? (Describe how you arrived at this conclusion?) Yes - We have worked closely with the MDOL, APHIS-VS, the livestock industry and producers in Montana. Ongoing work is required to prevent the further introduction and spread of brucellosis. (Funds reduced from \$660,000 in FY2009 to \$525,000 plus \$75,000 for bison hauling in FY10)
5. What performance information do you use to track accomplishments? Quarterly Reports, meetings with State Veterinarian. Additional meeting with the State Veterinarian - and staff when necessary.

SIGNATURES:

Submitting officials:

ADODR:



Agreements Specialist:



Approving official:

Deputy Administrator (or designee):



MAR 26 2010

Upon final signature, provide a copy of this approval to your agreements specialist for inclusion in the official file and the APHIS Cost Management System.

**DECISION MEMO FOR OUTGOING FUNDS
FISCAL YEAR 2011 PENDING AWARDS**

Agreement NO.: (if assigned) and type: 11-9730-2087 -CA Brucellosis

Cooperator Name: State of Montana, Department of Livestock
Brucellosis

Funding Level: \$751,000.00

1. What is the purpose of the agreement? This cooperative agreement will reduce the risk of transmission of brucellosis from infected wildlife (bison and elk) to cattle; maintain the marketability of Montana livestock; preserve the viability of wild bison and elk populations; and protect animal and human health by preventing further introduction of brucellosis.
2. How does the purpose/agreement align with the agency's and Secretary's priorities? Veterinary Services Goals #1, #2, #3, #4 and #5 – also USDA Goal #1 and #2.
3. How is the agreement accomplishing its activities to achieve the results as stated in the agreement? The cooperative agreement funding will allow the Montana Department of Livestock to work to prevent transmission of *Brucella abortus* and prevent the further introduction of brucellosis into the State of Montana.
4. Is the same amount of funding needed this year as last year to accomplish the goals in the agreement? New agreement for brucellosis.
5. What performance information do you use to track accomplishments? Quarterly Reports, meetings with State Veterinarian. Additional meeting with the State Veterinarian - and staff when necessary.

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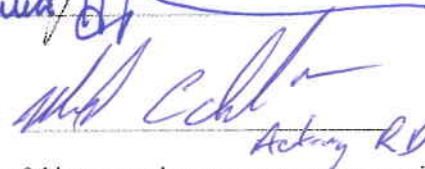
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