

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA  
MISSOULA DIVISION

WESTERN WATERSHEDS PROJECT,	)	Case No.: 9:09-cv-00159- CCL
et al.,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	DECLARATION OF P.J. WHITE
v.	)	
KEN SALAZAR, Secretary of the Interior;	)	
et al.,	)	
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Defendants.	)	
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Declaration of P.J. White

1. My name is P.J. White, and I am the Chief of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources in Yellowstone National Park. I have worked at the park for nine years. I serve a lead role in supporting the Superintendent’s office to implement the Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP).
2. There are approximately 550 bison being held at the Stephens Creek capture facility and another 900+ bison could migrate to the park boundary this winter. The National Park Service (NPS) is feeding bison in the capture facility, but feeding bison elsewhere in the park is not desirable and has generally been disfavored by the IBMP agencies.
3. No bison have been sent to slaughter this winter. On February 15, 2011, the Governor of Montana issued Executive Order 1-2011 that prohibits the importation of Yellowstone bison into areas of Montana that are outside a brucellosis surveillance area designated by the Montana Department of Livestock for a period of 90 days.
4. The NPS is examining options to manage bison for the remainder of the winter in light of the Governor’s Order. The NPS has informed the State of Montana that it will allow bull bison, which pose virtually no risk of brucellosis transmission to cattle, to migrate into Montana pursuant to adaptive management adjustments to the IBMP agreed to by all agencies in 2008. The NPS will also consider moving and/or releasing bison from the Stephens Creek capture facility to provide more operational space in the facility and shorten the period of confinement for bison. The NPS has continued to assist the State

outside the park, as requested, in hazing female or mixed groups of bison that present a higher brucellosis transmission risk to cattle than bulls. In addition, the NPS has requested additional tolerance from the State of Montana for bison north of the park boundary in Montana (east and west of the Yellowstone River and south of Yankee Jim Canyon). To date, the State has not provided any additional tolerance for bison. Though there is no immediate plan to ship bison to slaughter, the NPS has not ruled out the possibility of slaughter as part of its management of Yellowstone bison this winter.

This Declaration is made under 28 U.S.C. § 1746. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my current knowledge.

Executed on February 22, 2011 in Gardiner, Montana.

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