

# REPORT OF NATIONAL PARK SERVICE BISON MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Report Period: 06/15/01 to 06/30/01

## SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

### **Monitoring:**

North Boundary area- NPS personnel conduct daily road patrols to report bison locations and movements near the north and west park boundary areas. No bison were reported outside Yellowstone National Park's northern boundary.

West Boundary area- Park Service road patrols did not observe any bison outside the park boundary during the reporting period. See State Actions below.

### **Hazing:**

North Boundary area- The NPS did not haze bison during the report period.

West Boundary area- See State Actions below.

**Capture and Testing Operations:** The NPS did not conduct capture operations at the Stephens Creek facility.

**Bison Sent to Slaughter:** No bison were sent to slaughter.

**Shooting Operations:** The NPS did not conduct shooting operations during the report period.

**State Actions:** All hazing events took place on the Western boundary of Yellowstone National Park. On 6/26/01, Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL) requested assistance from the National Park Service in an attempt to locate 3 male bison outside the park. Personnel from the Gallatin County Sherriff's Office, the U.S. Forest Service, and Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks also assisted in the operation. One bison was located on the South Fork of the Madison on private property. It was shot about 6.5 miles from Highway 191.

**Bison Killed from Management Actions:** One bison was killed during this reporting period. Total bison killed from management actions is 6.

**Natural Mortality:** Observations of natural mortality are usually limited to road corridors, incidental observations by NPS or field research personnel, or occasional observations from aircraft. Lake Resource Management personnel reported a bison carcass in the Yellowstone River near LeHardy Rapids. Cause of mortality appears due to natural causes. Sex of the subadult bison is unknown. Total reported natural mortality to date is 11 bison.

**Other Mortality:** No other mortalities were reported for this period. Total other bison mortalities reported to date is 10 bison.