

**MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
BISON OPERATIONS
COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT #
FY10 WORK PLAN
(Cooperative Agreement Term: January 1, 2010 – December 31, 2010)**

BISON OPERATIONS COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

GOALS:

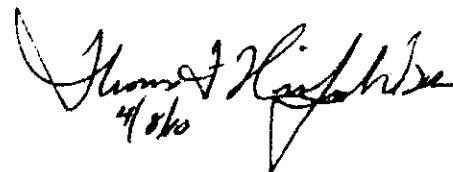
- ❖ Reduce the risk of transmission of brucellosis from bison to cattle;
- ❖ Maintain marketability of Montana's livestock
- ❖ Preserve a viable wild bison population;
- ❖ Protect private property

OBJECTIVES:

- Maintain spatial and temporal separation of bison and cattle through hazing, capture, or lethal removal of bison
- Monitor bison distribution and abundance
- Monitor cattle populations distribution, surveillance, herd plans and vaccination protocols
- Vaccinate test negative vaccination eligible bison that are captured and subsequently released
- Vaccinate (remote) untested vaccination eligible bison that are tolerated in management zone 2
- Manage bison in accordance with population target for whole bison herd
- Evaluate the disappearance of fetal material in each of the management areas
- Evaluate the results of telemetric monitoring of sero-negative pregnant females in the Northern Management Area
- Evaluate the development of a safe and effective remote vaccine delivery mechanism
- Eliminate brucellosis-related risks to public health from wildlife
- Eliminate the potential transmission of *Brucella abortus* among elk, bison, and livestock
- Coordinate brucellosis-related management activities
- Coordinate brucellosis-related research activities
- Enhance risk mitigation efforts to prevent transmission of brucellosis from wild ungulates to livestock

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DISCUSSION:

The Montana Department of Livestock (MDOL) is working diligently to prevent transmission of *Brucella abortus* from brucellosis infected bison to livestock in the Montana Greater Yellowstone area (GYA). The Bison Operations Cooperative Agreement allows the MDOL to implement the Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP) and to prevent further introduction of brucellosis into the State of Montana due to brucellosis infected bison entering the state from Yellowstone National Park (YNP). The State of Montana accomplishes this objective by herding bison back into the park, capturing and testing bison, or if necessary lethal removal of bison.

The IBMP partners have continued to work on providing habitat for 25 (up to 100) sero-negative bison on Forest Service property on Cutler Meadows north of the park. Montana Department of Fish and Parks is proceeding with this action consistent with the Montana Environmental Policy Act (MEPA). The Royal Teton Ranch (RTR) Implementation "checklist" is attached. With cattle no longer grazing on RTR, the implementation of remote vaccination of bison remains the last requirement of the Interagency Bison Management Plan Record of Decision of 2000 before the plan advances to Step III in the Northern Management Area.

Daily monitoring of bison movements will continue at the Western and Northern Management Areas.

For Montana to maintain marketability of livestock it is imperative that that brucellosis infected bison moving from the YNP area do not spread the disease to Montana's livestock, creating additional cases. To accomplish this task, the State of Montana has employed staff and contracted with veterinarians and various vendors to haze bison back into the park, haze bison into capture facilities, collect blood and/or tissue samples, conduct tests of the bison, as necessary transport bison to slaughter facilities, and donate heads, hides, and meat to Native Americans and various charitable organizations as provided by state law.

Department of Livestock (MDOL) staff assembles and maintains a capture facility on private property near Duck Creek in the western boundary area of YNP. In addition, if necessary, MDOL staff assembles a capture facility near Horse Butte in the western boundary area of YNP in accordance with a USDA-Forest Service Special Use Permit. The facility is taken down in late spring. It must be removed in accordance with USFS permit during the interim months and MDOL staff must reclaim the area after the capture facility removal. The capture facility(s) operation involves frequent observation and may need security. Rental of equipment is necessary for snow plowing one and a half miles of forest service road leading into the Horse Butte facility and for snow removal in and around the capture facility(s). The snow accumulation is often over five feet per year. Contracted services also include the transportation of bison to slaughter or for release, aircraft contract for bison surveillance and hazing, and services to moderate IBMP meetings. MDOL has an interagency service agreement with the Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks to provide personnel and equipment to implement the IBMP. Additional requirements on the Department of Livestock for preventing the spread of Brucellosis from YNP wildlife includes the creation of cattle herd plans in surrounding areas, which increase wildlife surveillance, cattle testing and vaccination protocols.

PROJECTED WORK PLAN:

The following is a work plan as to how the State of Montana intends to utilize this federal assistance for bison operations in the Montana GYA:

I. Personnel Services:

The Department of Livestock utilizes veterinary staff, bison operations program specialists, and support personnel to administer and implement the IBMP. It also reviews brucellosis research proposals, evaluates and assists in direction of brucellosis research projects, and reviews and evaluates brucellosis research projects upon the completion of the projects. Public information staff help communicate key issues to the public. The veterinary staff provides services in the capacity of Designated Brucellosis Epidemiologist, and administers and directs field operations in carrying out the mission and attaining the goals and objectives of the Interagency Bison Management Plan. Direct Personal Services are for 5.0 FTE working at the bison capture and testing facilities.

II. Operational Costs:

Contracted Services:

The Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP) was adopted in December 2000. This plan is an effort by USDA-APHIS, USDA-Forest Service, the State of Montana (MDOL and FWP), and the Department of Interior-National Park Service, to describe the agency commitments toward managing bison in the Greater Yellowstone Area (GYA). The long-range management plan describes an adaptive management process that depends upon several monitoring and research projects to guide a progressive management program. Contracted services are primarily for veterinary services, security, consulting services, legal services, lab testing, printing and other costs.

Specifically, some of these services provide:

- Rental of equipment for snow plowing one and a half miles of forest service road leading into the Horse Butte facility and for snow removal in and around the capture facility(s).
- Transportation for bison to slaughter or for release.
- Security to protect two capture facilities through contracted personnel.
- Interagency service agreement with the Montana Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks to provide personnel and equipment to implement the IBMP.
- Lease of property where the Duck Creek capture facility is located/
- Services by veterinarian to serve as the Designated Brucellosis Epidemiologist and review herd plans for herds that may have animals testing as suspects or reactors for brucellosis.
- Eagle watching to monitor eagle behavior on Horse Butte during capture operations in the area through contracted personnel.
- Consulting work for environmental review and analysis as needed.
- Bison specialists as needed to assist in ground operations by MDOL full-time and seasonal employees.

Supplies and Materials:

Supplies and materials include items necessary for the bison program operations. This includes such items as fuel for vehicles, minor tools and equipment, munitions, electrical supplies for lighting the facility, uniforms and clothing for personnel working on site, office supplies, law enforcement items, lab supplies, veterinarian supplies, housing supplies, hay and grain, photo and reproduction supplies and miscellaneous supplies. The MDOL's Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory in Bozeman buys supplies and reagents for performing histopathological, bacteriological, and serological testing of blood and tissue samples submitted from bison and livestock in the Montana GYA. Such supplies include reagents necessary for seven different serologic procedures for the testing of brucellosis in animals. In addition, other tools, supplies, instruments, and reagents are necessary for other brucellosis-related diagnostic procedures conducted to monitor for brucellosis in Montana's wildlife and livestock.

Communications:

Communications include expenditures for cellular and regular phone services and related charges, long distance charges and postal services. Brochures and public information expenses are necessary for keeping the public informed and current on the brucellosis problem in the GYA.

Travel:

Travel is for bison operations program specialists and other department employees traveling to Gardiner and West Yellowstone to implement the IBMP and perform other bison-related disease control duties. It also includes travel to out-of-state meetings on bison and brucellosis issues attended by officials of the department.

Rent:

Air operations to assist in herding and capture necessitate the rental of aircraft. Rental of heavy equipment for snow removal and rental of storage facilities to store the equipment may be needed.

Utilities:

The utility costs are for the propane, and electricity to operate the lab test trailer.

Repair and Maintenance:

The bison operation repair and maintenance category includes such items as vehicle repair and maintenance, repair of snowmobiles, and radio and communication equipment.

Indirect Costs:

Indirect costs are 24.7 % of total personnel services budget. These costs are for indirect staff time for budgeting, accounting, administrative, and executive oversight of the entire cooperative agreement.

Other Miscellaneous costs:

Other costs are for miscellaneous items in implementing the IBMP. Slaughter costs, education and training, subscriptions and research material, public relations materials, freight, position recruiting.

PERSONNEL		
	TOTAL PERSONNEL	\$ 292,112
OPERATIONS		
TRAVEL	\$	12,119
SUPPLIES	\$	17,500
CONTRACT SERV	\$	110,733
COMMUNICATIONS	\$	4,375
RENT	\$	8,750
UTILITIES	\$	1,750
REPAIR & MAINT	\$	4,375
EQUIPMENT		
OTHER	\$	1,134
	TOTAL OPS	\$ 160,736
	INDIRECT	\$ 72,152
	TOTAL BUDGET	\$ 525,000

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RTR IMPLEMENTATION CHECK LIST

FWP
11/23/09

◆ Fences and Infrastructure

- Fence tested (electric) prior to bison arrival. Second and top wire are electrified.
Fence inspected prior to bison arrival.
- Fence dropped or partially dropped **when not in use**.
- Warning signs included.
- Fence Monitored throughout the season for vandalism and working order.

◆ RTR Communication Strategy

- Develop call list for RTR response.
Meet with RTR representative to go over the list individual agency responsibilities.
Property damage and public safety list is FWP
 - Jim Miller (406) 223-3918
 - Joe Knarr (406) 994-7019, (406) 581-4277
 - Sam Sheppard (406) 994-3540, (406) 581-2462
- IBMP hazing management list DOL
 - Jeff Mount
 - Rob Tierney
 - Mark Anderson
 - Shane Grube

◆ Law Enforcement meet with Park County, MHP

- Staff meeting to discuss civil disruption procedures.
- Follow protocol set up on the West Yellowstone side.
- Meet with Park County Sheriff's Office, Park County Attorney, Montana Highway Patrol, YNP, USFS, and FWP, Gallatin
- mid December meeting (Rob Tierney will organize this meeting)

◆ Stephen's Creek Trap Operational

- Stephen's Creek will be the capture facility for RTR implementation

◆ Herd Component

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- No adult bulls. Adult female with or without calves/yearlings at heel or young bulls. All attempts will be made to keep mothers with calves. Yearlings will be allowed in cow/calf pairs .
- Young bull is defined as a bull bison that is two years of age or less
- Young bull is defined as a bull bison that is three years of age or less with an emphasis on social cohort make up.

◆ Collared, Vaginal Implants

- All adult females and young bull bison released into RTR will need to be collared. Calves and yearlings will be fitted with an electronic ear tag. These will be purchased by DOL along with a reader.
- All bison will be returned to Stephen's Creek in the spring for testing and collar removal.
- Collars at FWP are black with with a white background different tape color combinations to delineate frequencies.
- All bison will be fitted with a brown metal ear tag provided by YNP to track success and sero-conversion over time.
- Most Collars are radio collars.
- YNP has roughly 6 GPS collars that will be used to track and collect movement information.
- Photo's of collars for field staff, identification purposes.
- Vaginal implants are on hand (USDA APHIS). Vaginal implants will be placed in all pregnant females.
- Vaginal implants will be removed at Stephen's Creek prior to return to YNP.

◆ Release Strategies

- Preference would be to have a large enough group to require only one Stephen's Creek capture operation to create the RTR cohort.
 - Dependent upon real time conditions around Stephen's Creek Trap.
 - How many bison make up the test group in Stephen's Creek.
 - Are there more bison on hand or migrating to the area also.
 - All available options for movement and strategic hazing will be utilized as necessary for a safe and successful transition from Stephen's Creek to Cutler Meadows.
 - **Scenario #1:** (Preferred strategy YNP) Soft release with limited additional push. Cohort open gates soft release with a directional haze component . Walk them through the boundary into the RTR and let them go. Monitor movement through transition area to Cuttler Meadows. Desired outcome is bison transition from the bottom, up the slope, to meadows use area.

- Patrol YNP boundary behind test cohort to ensure no backside comingling.
 - **Scenario #2:** Soft release with passable directional hazing north past the transition zone past Cinnebar basin road in RTR and let them go or walk them up into the meadows use area. (DOL preferred alternative).
 - **Scenario #3:** Truck cohort from Stephen's Creek through transition area to northern use area. This option would eliminate some of the concerns with scent trailing of other bison to the project area. Technical Committee fully understands the downside to this option. Down side of trucking is that there are implications for trucking bison to resolve other management conflicts. Trucking bison back in to the park does not resolve problems of managing boundary area abundance and may exacerbate the issues of protecting migratory behavior while preventing dispersal to areas outside of the conservation area. Any trucking option should be considered a last resort measure.
 - Do not want them to camp out on the country road in the corridor. The lane effect of the fencing makes this a reality; especially since highly productive habitat patches are excluded from use by bison along the path they must travel to find Cutler Meadow.
 - Do not want them to linger or reside for long periods in the transition corridor or near RTR headquarters. Exclusion fences on all private property (Judy Jensen) need to be addressed in all hazing/release scenario's.
 - Partners will contact and address horse security needs on Jensen property prior to release operations.
 - Ultimate release scenario and strategy will be dependant upon current conditions relating to numbers and proximity of bison in and around the Gardiner Basin.
- ◆ **Monitoring**
 - ◆ Goal is to have two firm count sightings a week on these animals by DOL, with the caveat of requesting assistance if we can't get it done. A plane count of the animals would meet these expectations. Twice a week is a benchmark or a goal. Also, by monitoring Zone 3 as a measure of success.
 - All agencies have committed to assist with monitoring. Need confirmation to what extent and resources are available from other agencies to assist with telemetry and monitoring. DOL will make the request to YNP for help and assistance in monitoring.
 - Daily monitoring during the season, page 26 of agreement.
 - Adaptive monitoring strategy, based on location and field circumstances.
 - Partners have committed to utilize available wildlife flight monitoring in the Gardiner area to assist with bison monitoring.
 - Suggestion has been made to have a central record-keeping repository for daily observation reports. There was some discussion that it might be possible to utilize DOL fax number as a central point. (406) 444-1929.

- Each agency will be responsible for getting the information to the DOL repository. (Potential of using YNP com center for part of it).
 - The Partners will create a written form that works for all monitoring needs.
Brian Helms, Jim Miller, Jeff Mount
 - D.O.L has the option of putting up a plane to address concerns of not knowing location of all or a portion of the cohort at any given time as necessary.
- ◆ **Breach Protocol**
- All partners notified. Whatever agency is first to know will immediately notify all primary partners. Partners have a call out list associated with the monitoring. Any river breach public/personnel safety is the priority. . Private landowner contacts need to have been made prior to season to get advanced hazing permission.
 - The preferred course action would be to return the RTR Cohort to Zone 2; there may instances and circumstances that dictate other management actions. If circumstances allow bison may be hazed back to Zone 1 or Zone 2. The management actions may include lethal removal and are ultimately at the discretion of the Montana State Veterinarian.
 - Establish trigger points that would result in intensive monitoring and discussion/actions related to management actions. Prior to a potential breach event, strategic - hazing may be initiated depending on bison behavior.
- ◆ **Loss of Test Animals**
- Loss of a few animals in the cohort. Suggestion is that we move forward with the project without adding more animals. (IBMP Partners will address decisions on study group). This will depend upon the numbers lost.
 - Catastrophic loss of the cohort. In case of major breaches, lethal removal, accident or return to other areas such as YNP or Eagle Creek area. (IBMP Partners will address decisions on study group).
- ◆ **Spring Return to YNP by a target date of April 15.**
- Utilize strategic soft hazing to move bison south through the corridor to Stephen's Creek facility for removal of collars, tags, implants and further testing. Release back into YNP.
- ◆ **Public Safety and Property Damage**
- FWP is the lead agency on matters related to Public Safety and Property Damage.
 - FWP will provide a list of emergency contact phone numbers to the RTR and Park County Sheriff's Office to address public safety and property damage concerns.
- ◆ **Birthing Material Protocol**
- In the case of a birth or abortion event, first to know will contact USDA APHIS.

- USDA APHIS will attempt to collect samples from event site.

◆ Lethal Removal Protocol

- Lethal removal will be conducted in a manner consistent with the IBMP.
- Lethal removal will be avoided on the RTR private lands if at all possible.
- All attempts will be made to salvage the bison, which have been lethally removed.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK
 COMPUTATION OF PROVISIONAL INDIRECT COST RATE
 FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2010

<u>Allowable Indirect Costs:</u>	
1. Departmental - Unaudited SFY 2008	\$1,338,132
2. Unbilled State Central Services - Fixed SFY 2008	<u>41,034</u>
3. Total Estimated Indirect Costs - SFY 2010	<u>\$1,379,166</u>
4. Estimated SFY 2010 Direct Personal Services Base (Unaudited SFY 08)	<u>\$5,583,381</u>
5. Provisional Indirect Cost Rate - SFY 2010 (C3/C4)	<u>24.70%</u>

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Certification Regarding Lobbying

Certification for Contracts, Grants, Loans, and Cooperative Agreements

The undersigned certifies, to the best of his or her knowledge and belief, that:

(1) No Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid, by or on behalf of the undersigned, to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with awarding of any Federal contract, the making of any Federal grant, the making of any Federal loan, the entering into of any cooperative agreement, and the extension, continuation, renewal, amendment, or modification of any Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement.

(2) If any funds other than Federal appropriated funds have been paid or will be paid to any person for influencing or attempting to influence an officer or employee of any agency, a Member of Congress, an officer or employee of Congress, or an employee of a Member of Congress in connection with this Federal contract, grant, loan, or cooperative agreement, the undersigned shall complete and submit Standard Form-LLL, "Disclosure Form to Report Lobbying," in accordance with its instructions.

(3) The undersigned shall require that the language of this certification be included in the award documents for all subawards at all tiers (including subcontracts, subgrants, and contracts under grants, loans, and cooperative agreements) and that all subrecipients shall certify and disclose accordingly.

This certification is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed when this transaction was made or entered into. Submission of this certification is a prerequisite for making or entering into this transaction imposed by section 1352, title 31, U.S. Code. Any person who fails to file the required certification shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.

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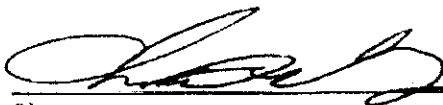
10-9730-0124 CA

Organization Name

PR/Award Number or Project Name

CHRISTIAN MACKAY EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Name and Title of Authorized Representative



03/19/2010

Signature


Date

DISCLOSURE OF LOBBYING ACTIVITIES

Complete this form to disclose lobbying activities pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352

Approved by OMB
0348-0046

(See reverse for public burden disclosure.)

1. Type of Federal Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C a. contract b. grant c. cooperative agreement d. loan e. loan guarantee f. loan insurance	2. Status of Federal Action: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B a. bid/offer/application b. initial award c. post-award	3. Report Type: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A a. initial filing b. material change For Material Change Only: year _____ quarter _____ date of last report _____
4. Name and Address of Reporting Entity: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Prime <input type="checkbox"/> Subawardee Tier _____, if known: Congressional District, if known: 4c	5. If Reporting Entity in No. 4 is a Subawardee, Enter Name and Address of Prime: Congressional District, if known:	
6. Federal Department/Agency: USDA	7. Federal Program Name/Description: BISON MANAGEMENT IN THE MONTANA GREATER YEL CFDA Number, if applicable: 10-025	
8. Federal Action Number, if known:	9. Award Amount, if known: \$ 525,000	
10. a. Name and Address of Lobbying Registrant <i>(if individual, last name, first name, MI):</i>	b. Individuals Performing Services <i>(including address if different from No. 10a)</i> <i>(last name, first name, MI):</i>	
11. Information requested through this form is authorized by title 31 U.S.C. section 1352. This disclosure of lobbying activities is a material representation of fact upon which reliance was placed by the bar above when this transaction was made or entered into. This disclosure is required pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 1352. This information will be available for public inspection. Any person who fails to file the required disclosure shall be subject to a civil penalty of not less than \$10,000 and not more than \$100,000 for each such failure.	Signature:  Print Name: Christian Mackay Title: Executive Director Telephone No.: (406) 444-0528 Date: 03/19/2010	
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SUPPLEMENTAL COOPERATOR INFORMATION SHEET

Additional information needed to fulfill FFATA requirements.

Cooperator Name: Montana Department of Livestock		Agreement Number: 10-9730-0124-CA	
Parent DUNS Number: 80-9791049	Primary Performance Street Address: 301 N. Roberts PO Box 202001		
Primary Performance City: Helena		Primary Performance State: Montana	
Primary Performance Zip: 59620-2001	County of Primary Performance: Lewis & Clark	Primary Performance Country: USA	
Performance in Multiple States: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Performance in Multiple Counties: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes or <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments:			



DEPARTMENT OF LIVESTOCK

BRIAN SCHWEITZER, GOVERNOR

PO BOX 202001

STATE OF MONTANA

BOARD OF LIVESTOCK - (406) 444-7323
BRANDS ENFORCEMENT DIVISION - (406) 444-2045
ANIMAL HEALTH DIVISION - (406) 444-2043
CENTRALIZED SERVICES DIVISION - (406) 444-9040
MEAT & POULTRY INSPECTION DIVISION - (406) 444-5202
MILK & EGG BUREAU - (406) 444-9761

HELENA, MONTANA 59620-2001

Authorized Departmental Officer
USDA, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service
Veterinary Services
2150 Centre Avenue, Building B
Fort Collins, CO 80526

March 11, 2010

Dear Dr. McCluskey,

Your concurrence is requested to allow pre-award costs for the Bison Operations program for Fiscal Year 2010 in an amount no greater than 25% of this years' Cooperative Agreement amount. It is necessary to incur Pre-Award Costs to work immediately on the bison brucellosis management program in the State of Montana. The work is necessary to meet payroll and operational costs of the bison operations staff in the Greater Yellowstone Area as well as administrative costs. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87 Attachment B, Section 31, defines pre-award costs as those costs incurred prior to the effective date of the award, which are necessary and allowable only to the extent that they would have been allowable if incurred after the date of the award and only with the written approval of the awarding agency. Attached is a breakdown of our projected expenditures during the Pre-Award period.

I understand that Pre-Award costs will be paid contingent upon the passage by Congress of an appropriation from which expenditures may be legally met, and a formal Cooperative Agreement being submitted and approved. I further understand the ensuing Agreement may be reduced or terminated if Congress fails to appropriate funds, or only provides APHIS funds for a finite period under a Continuing Resolution.

I request that Pre-Award Costs be permitted beginning January 1, 2010, subject to continuation in writing, if necessary, by mutual agreement of the parties.

I agree to manage the Bison Operations program funded by Federal money in accordance with Title 7 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 3016; the associated Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular governing costs allowed; and all other applicable laws, regulations, and guidelines.

Sincerely,

Christian Mackay (signature) 3-12-10
Executive Officer
Montana Department of Livestock
Date

Concurrences: Adam J. Humphreys (signature) 3-12-10
ADODR Date
Phyllis (signature) 3/22/10
Regional EPI Date
Heather Kramer (signature) 3/11/2010
Regional Cooperative Agreement Specialist Date

Cc: ADO
ADODR
MRPBS, FMD, ASC
Dr. Martin Zukuski, State Veterinarian

Brian J. McCluskey (signature)
Director, WR, VS
MAR 25 2010

PRE-AWARD COSTS

Salaries (List numbers by types of position):	\$52,840.50
Veterinarian - \$5,124.50	
Bison Specialists - \$45,055	
Administrative Assistant - \$858	
Public Information Officer - \$1803	
Benefits : \$20,187.50	
Contracted Services: \$27,683.25	
Travel : \$3,029.75	
Communication: \$1,093.75	
Supplies : \$4,375	
Rent : \$2,187.50	
Utilities: \$437.50	
Other: \$283.50	
Repair & Maint.: \$1,093.75	
Indirect Costs: \$18,038	
	Total Pre-Award Project Costs: \$131,250

**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 and/or direct payments 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:

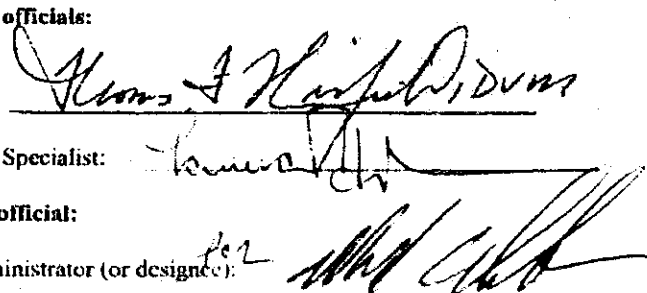
Submitting officials:

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.

