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Dear Governor Schweitzer:


The Board of the Tribal Leaders Council has, on this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May 2012, unanimously approved the enclosed Resolution regarding the wild buffalo that live primarily in Yellowstone National Park and seasonally migrate into portions of southwestern Montana and are the only direct living link to the tens of millions of buffalo that once migrated freely throughout most of what is now the United States.

We respectfully request your support and collaboration with the eleven member Tribes of the Tribal Leaders Council to see that the policy stated within the Resolution is fully implemented by:

- Immediately ceasing the hazing or the harassment of buffalo habitat needed for their survival.
- Allowing migratory buffalo to return to summer ranges on their own as they do for migratory elk.
- Recognizing the trust responsibility and Treaty obligations to American Indian Nations in providing for viable populations of migratory buffalo in their native habitat.

Thank you for your attention. We look forward to hearing how we might work together to protect the wild buffalo for all future generations – in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

  
Jay St. Goddard  
Chairman of Tribal Leaders Council

Cc: Tribal Chairs & Presidents  
Congressional Delegates