

## **Memorandum**

**Date:** August 12, 2013  
**To:** Files  
**From:** Interagency Bison Management Plan Agencies  
**Subject:** Adaptive Management Adjustment to the Interagency Bison Management Plan

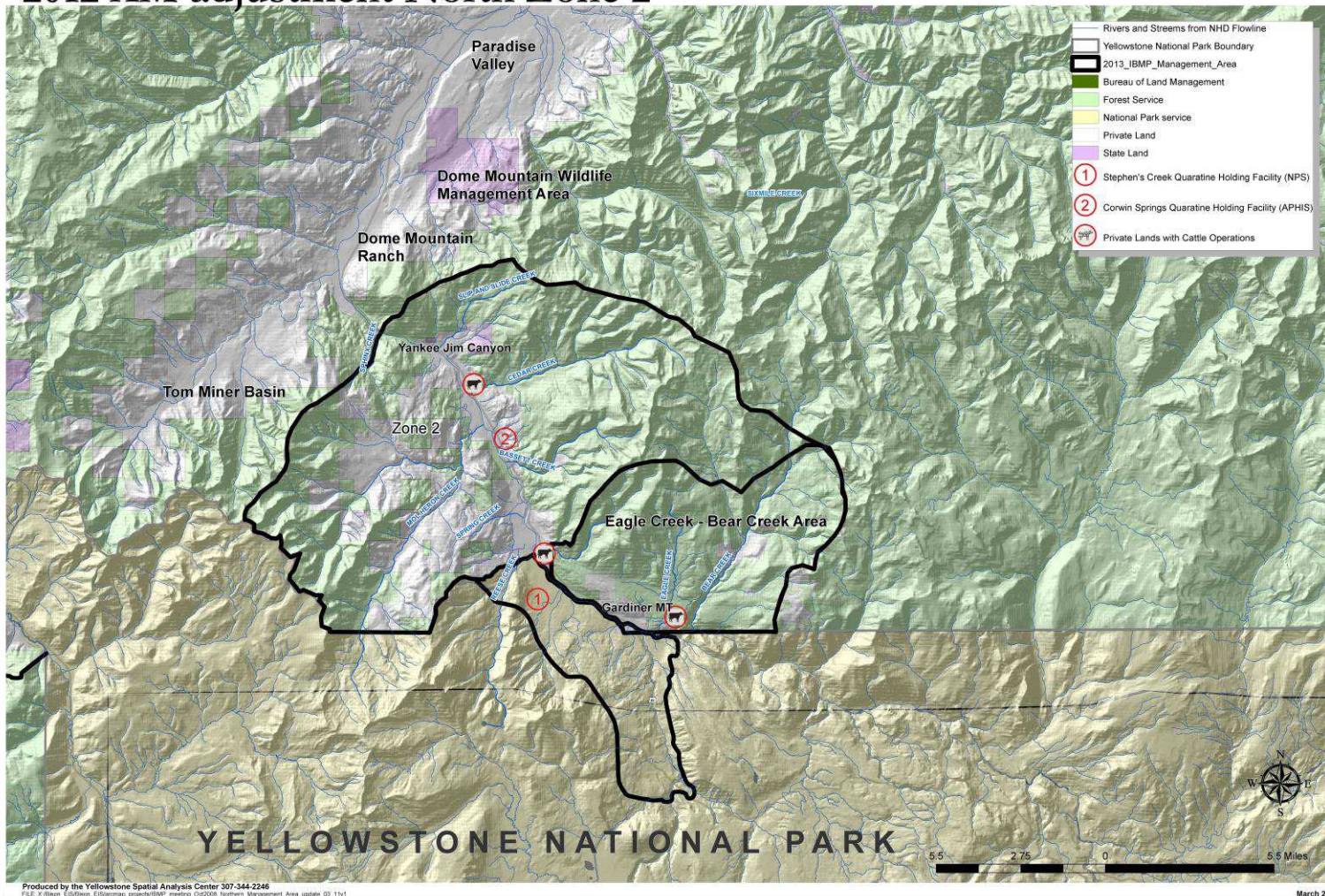
The Record of Decision for the Interagency Bison Management Plan (IBMP) was signed in December 2000 to coordinate bison management between the State of Montana and Yellowstone National Park. The National Park Service and the Department of Agriculture, Forest Service were co-leads on the Final Environmental Impact Statement, and the Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service was a cooperating agency. The Montana Department of Livestock and Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife, and Parks considered the FEIS prepared by the federal agencies in preparing their Record of Decision in December 2000. These five agencies agreed to work cooperatively within an adaptive management framework to implement the IBMP. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, InterTribal Buffalo Council, and Nez Perce Tribe became IBMP agencies in 2009.

### **Recommended Adjustment to the Adaptive Management Plan**

Replace the current map in the IBMP Adaptive Management Plan titled, "IBMP Northern Management Area" with the attached map. The attached map updates the Northern Management Area map to show that new bison tolerance areas allowed under the April 2011 Gardiner Basin adaptive management change are from here forward to be considered to be Zone 2, as described in the 2000 IBMP Record of Decision.



## 2012 AM adjustment North Zone 2



**IBMP Partner signatures**



8/23/2013

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Western Regional Director

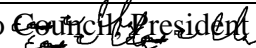
Date

 8/19/2013

Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, Division Manager

Date

October 1, 2013

InterTribal Buffalo Council President 

Date



August 20, 2013

Montana Board of Livestock, Executive Officer

Date



8/12/13

Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, Region 3 Director

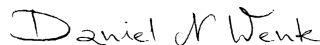
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Aug 20, 2013

Montana State Veterinarian

Date



8/30/2013

National Park Service, Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Date



November 19, 2013

Nez Perce Tribe, Chairman

Date



8/12/13

U.S. Forest Service, Forest Supervisor, Gallatin National Forest

Date