IBMP Winter Operations Teleconference

March 3, 2014 @ 2:00pm

Attendees:

ITBC: Jim Stone, Ervin Carlson, Trudy Ecoffey

Yellowstone National Park: Rick Wallen, PJ White

MT Fish & Wildlife Parks: Pat Flowers, Sam Sheppard, Andrea Jones

MT Department of Livestock: Rob Tierney, Marty Zaluski, Christian McKay

APHIS: Becky Frey, Ryan, Don

US Forest Service: None Present

CSKT: Tom McDonald, John Harrison, Dale Becker, Rick,

Stephen

Nez Perce Tribe: Angela Sondenaa

Agency Reports:

YNP: 216 moved to process at Steven Creeks Facility. Gardiner Basin: 500 animals, 100 out of park. Ceased capturing animals, harvest goal of 300 for winter will be finished with processing. Discussion on YNP holding animals not intended for shipping when hunting ends which has been providing pressure on animals to stay within Park. YNP says it may be possible and at that time Partners could request that activity.

MTFWP: Harvest on North side 199, no activity on West side- 64, total of 263, 48 taken in last week, may get to 300.

MTDOL: West side- 0, North side- 17 at RTR, 50-Devil's Slide, 55- Coke Oven, 23-Beach Gulch, 11- Alan Hoppy, 5- North of Hoppy, 16- Z Hill, 14- Eagle Creek, 193 total out. Discussion on any safety issues or conflicts. Appears to be very limited. As numbers rise issues may occur.

APHIS: 17 from YNP to APHIS

CSKT: Still working on moving animals. Question from NPT on how many animals in trap currently. Answer from YNP; 130 but will be releasing soon.

NPT: Angela: 2 weeks left of hunt.

FS: Nothing to report.

ITBC: Moving animals Tuesday or Wednesday, load to facility in Columbus then finished with processing.

Other Issues:

YNP moving animals on Wednesday. IBMP meeting set for Bozeman, MT in April.

Next Call:

Consensus from everyone: Monday, March 10, 2014 @ 2pm.