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Greetings.

Bison on the landscape:

On the north side, at last report, over 100 bison were reported outside of the Park with more than a dozen in a huntable location.

On the west side, there are still no recent reports of bison in Montana.

In the last bison hunt harvest update on Jan. 5, 11 bison were report taken total (8 Gardiner, 3 West). What follows is a report on confirmed and unconfirmed takes since my last report.

- The state will perform a mid-season harvest survey to post 1/15 to firm up its numbers and supply a more thorough report. The state's first hunt period ends Thursday, 1/15.
- Nez Perce, Shoshone-Bannock and Umatilla report no bison taken to date. Thank you for the reports.
- Thank you to the Confederated Salish & Kootenai for their update and indication that more filled permits are expected to be returned shortly.

Recent confirmed harvest:

Gardiner:

1/5: 2 bulls, Beattie Gulch (CSKT) 1/9: 3 bulls, Beattie Gulch (CSKT) 1/10: 1 bull, Travertine (CSKT)

West:

N/A

Unconfirmed:

Gardiner:

1/7: 1 (unknown), Beattie Gulch

1/8: 3 (unknown), Deckard Flats (state?)

1/9: 4 (unknown), Beattie Gulch 1/11: 6 (unknown), 2 bulls

West:

N/A

*Please use these reports as in-season indicators. Please let me know if you see an error.

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