2-17-15

Greetings.

The state's second and final bison hunt period for the 2014-2015 season closed Sunday, Feb. 15.

Recently state hunters had a bit of success on the west side after about 20 bison exited Yellowstone (first opportunity for hunters since November). A phone survey of state hunters will be completed the week to finalize harvest numbers, so please use current tallies as in-season indicators. I presume the harvest in Gardiner to be slightly higher than what I present here.

As for migration, there are no current reports of bison in the Gardiner area, except for an older cow in poor condition. At the end of last week, just a handful of bison remained outside of the Park on the west side.

Combined harvest is at 166 bison, with tribal harvest confirmed by representatives:

- State 27
- Salish & Kootenai 110
- Nez Perce 23
- Shoshone-Bannock 5
- Umatilla 1

Thank you for your efforts in providing up to date information.

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	Male	Female	(M) Calf	(F) Calf	Unknown			
RUNNING OVERALL	112	24	6	12	3	total bison taken to date 157		
RUNNING STATE	17	1	0	0	0	State to date 18		
RUNNING CSKI	74	20	4	12	0	CSKT to date 110		
RUNNING NP	16	2	2	0	3	NP to date 23		
RUNNING SI	4	1	0	0	0	SB to date 5		
RUNNING CTU	1	0	0	0	0	CTU to date 1		

2014-15 HD-385 Bison Hunt Harvest Log (GARDINER)

2014-15 HD-395 Bison Hunt Harvest Log (WEST)

	Male	Female	(M) Calf	(F) Calf	Unknown	
RUNNING OVERALL	4	5	0	0	0	total bison taken to date 9
RUNNING STATE	4	5	0	0	0	State to date 9
RUNNING CSKT	0	0	0	0	0	CSKT to date 0
RUNNING NP	0	0	0	0	0	NP to date 0
RUNNING SB		0	0	0	0	SB to date 0
RUNNING CTU	0	0	0	0	0	CTU to date 0

2014-15 Bison Hunt Harvest Log (TOTALS)

	Male	Female	(M) Calf	(F) Calf	Unknown	
RUNNING OVERALL	116	29	6	12	3	total bison taken to date 166
RUNNING STATE	21	6	0	0	0	State to date 27
RUNNING CSKT	74	20	4	12	0	CSKT to date 110
RUNNING NP	16	2	2	0	3	NP to date 23
RUNNING SB	4	1	0	0	0	SB to date 5
RUNNING CTU	1	0	0	0	0	CTU to date 1