

## Flowers, Pat

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**From:** Marty Malone [mmalone@parkcounty.org]  
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**To:** Flowers, Pat  
**Subject:** Bison Management

Pat:

It appears that I will be unable to attend today's meeting. However I would like to comment on the semen testing conducted by APHIS in the Gardiner area.

The first time it was done, a bison bull became agitated and became belligerent towards several members of the public including law enforcement individuals. I called Dr. Clarke concerning this issue. No public was aware of the happening even law enforcement people. The bull was marked with a line down the shoulder. Dr. Clarke stated it would not happen again.

Unfortunately, two weeks later, two additional bull bison became crazed, running down public roads including Highway 89. Park County law enforcement people followed them to nearly Yankee Jim Canyon. At that point, they called Department of Livestock people who were forced to destroy the two bulls. The bulls needed to be hauled to a landfill due drugs in the animals.

I called Brian McCluskly and expressed my disappointment with APHIS for their actions and lack of review of safety procedures. He stated that the event had been published but certainly not in any document the local public would be reading.

In the November IBMP committee, APHIS brought up the proposed experiment so I presume the entire committee was aware of the experiment. Does that mean the committee approved of the experiment by not objecting to the experiment?

Since FWP has bison handling equipment, why was it not used?

Were the bulls tested positive for Brucella prior to experiment?

Money and time was expended by county and state personnel was expended unnecessarily.

Two animals were destroyed and buried at state expense.

I would appreciate your effort in distributing my concerns with the committee either by email or at the meeting.

Basically, I believe that APHIS did this experiment without regard to public safety.

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