

**Interagency Bison Management Plan
DRAFT AGENDA —
March 1, 2018 Field Trip to the Upper Gallatin and Taylor Fork**



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**** Please note, this agenda (version 180213) is tentative -- topics, locations, and timeframes are subject to change. A future version of the agenda will include a map.**

- 9 AM -- Meet in the Upper Gallatin along Hwy 191 at large parking lot adjacent to YNP entrance sign
 - Introductions
 - Consideration of habitat, plus possible bison migration corridors into the Upper Gallatin
 - Consideration of possible issues associated with bison using the Hwy 191 corridor
 - Receive/share ideas for what to look for on the drive back down the Gallatin to Taylor Fork

- 945 AM -- drive to the Sage Creek parking area (just south of Taylor Fork road)
 - Drop some cars & car pool as much as possible – there is limited parking in the Taylor Fork.
 - Drive up Taylor Fork and park at 9 Quarter Circle Ranch; road plowing ends there. Note that the drive up the Taylor Fork may require a 4wd vehicle.

- 1030 AM -- leave from 9 Quarter Circle on skis, snowshoes, or walking to ski to Albino Lake trailhead
 - There is a strong desire to *not* stay at the cars but instead go up into the valley -- seeing at least some of the upper Taylor Fork in winter is a large part of the reason for the field trip.
 - It could be very cold; please dress accordingly *including* for some standing around and talking while a good distance from your car.
 - Distance traveled over snow will likely be <1 mile and ~flat along the road up the Taylor Fork While the distance to ski/snowshoe/walk is relatively short, the road is not expected to be clear. Walking could entail deep post-holing and be very slow (on Feb 9th we hit some places that were knee to thigh deep).
 - Discussion of winter habitat in the Taylor Fork, migration corridors, land owner issues

- 12 noon -- Return to cars, lunch on your own

- 1:30 PM – All assembled at the 320 Ranch (map will be provided in a future version of the agenda)
 - John Richardson & the 320 Ranch are kindly supplying the indoor meeting space.

- 130 - 4 PM (latest) -- Panel discussion and information exchange following a set of questions presented by the Upper Gallatin landowners after the Aug 3, 2017 IBMP meeting
 - Those landowner questions can be found in the summary for the Aug 3, 2017 IBMP meeting¹.
 - The panel will be made up of a subset of Upper Gallatin landowners.
 - Open discussion, but each topic will begin with panel thoughts. The facilitator requests that parties recognize not all of the land owner questions will be answered at the meeting.
 - (break as needed)

- 4 PM (latest) -- Adjourn

¹ <http://ibmp.info/Library/20170803/20170803.php>