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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE VETERINARY SERVICES

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is extending the public comment period for an environmental assessment for a proposed study to evaluate whether GonaCon™, an immunocontraceptive vaccine, would be effective as a non-lethal method of decreasing the prevalence of brucellosis in the Yellowstone National Park bison population. This proposed action is planned for locations on private ranch land near Gardiner, Montana. The environmental assessment, "Evaluation of GonaCon™, an Immunocontraceptive Vaccine, as a Means of Decreasing Transmission of *Brucella abortus* in Bison in the Greater Yellowstone Area," is available online at http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_health/animal_diseases/brucellosis/ and <http://www.ibmp.info>. Paper copies may be obtained by contacting USDA APHIS, Veterinary Services Area Office, 208 North Montana Avenue, Suite 101, Helena, MT 59601 or (406) 449-2220.

Comments may be submitted via email to EAComments2012@aphis.usda.gov or by mail to the VS Area Office listed above. Comments must be received by March 13, 2012. For more information about the study, please contact the VS Area Office at (406) 449-2220.

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