

IBMP Conference Call Notes:

Reason: OPS check-in

Date: March 12, 2013

Participants: Sam Sheppard, Joe Knarr.-FWP; PJ White, Rick Wallen, Dave Hallac.-YNP; Cavan Fitzsimmons-USFS; Christian Mckay.-BOL, Marty Zaluski, Jeff Mount-DOL; Ryan Clarke, Don Herriott, Becky Frey.- APHIS; Keith Lawrence- NPT

Reports: **YNP** -671 hd of bison using perimeter around Gardiner Basin. Approximately 200 out of park, with about 160 on W side of river. Snowpack E of Mammoth is firm. Bison distribution is on full range to Lamar. Could capture at any time if many animals push out of the park, intend to do some vaccination. Waiting for tribal hunting to cease as they do not want to release vaccinated animals that hunters may take. Struggling to get answers from tribes about the end of hunting seasons.

West side: Just beginning to see movement from Firehole.

DOL: West side; 9 head at Yellowstone Village, 29 head on Horse Butte and 20 head at the boundary.

North side; 3 hazing events so far from RTR due to private property complaints and 5 events from cattle adjacent to YNP, 65 head recently commingling with cattle.

FWP: Umatilla and Shoshone Bannock tribes also still hunting, perhaps through end of March. Planning cleanup of gut piles from hunt at Beattie gulch to mitigate Grizzly conflicts. There have also been complaints from the public about the sight as well as issues with FS regulations. Would like help; either financial or manpower; from NPT on this effort.

NPT: Hunting season ends March 17th. KL will investigate monetary contribution of tribe for cleanup efforts.