

IBMP Conference Call Notes:

Reason: OPS check-in

Date: April 9, 2013

Participants: Sam Sheppard, Pat Flowers-FWP; PJ White, Rick Wallen, Dave Hallac.-YNP; Ron Hecker-USFS; Christian Mckay.-BOL, Marty Zaluski-DOL; Don Herriott, Becky Frey.- APHIS; Keith Lawrence- NPT

Reports:

YNP – Roughly 175 hd of bison using the Gardiner Basin. Most are central interior herd animals based on collars, Northern range animals are E of Blacktail Deer Plateau.

There are about 12 animals around Stephens Creek and moving N of Reese Creek. O lot of movement back and forth. No plans to trap any bison at Stephens Creek

DOL: West side; There are probably about 300 bison on the Horse Butte Peninsula. DOL has hazed 6 or 7 animals from the S. Fork of the Madison across to the Rims. There were some animals hit on the highway, not sure of location of the rest of that bunch. There is too much snow for horses to get around and not enough for snowmobiles, so monitoring is in place. No plans to trap any bison on the west side.

FWP: Hunting appears to be over as no tribal hunts have occurred in past 3 weeks. Shoshone Bannock have year round season.

NPT: Will have numbers and data for hunt statistics at May meeting.

APHIS: Decision by Judge Lovell in support of aerial hazing. Consultation on Section 7 of ESA was done with the FWS and they concurred with the NPS assessment. Possibility of appeals to 9th Circuit and requests for injunction are pending.