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Greetings and Happy New Year.

With the colder temperatures, bison have begun to move in larger numbers toward the Park border on the north (Gardiner) side. We currently have about two dozen bison in Montana, but they may be inaccessible either due to terrain or other factors. There are no bison reported out in the west side hunt district (West Yellowstone).

As for harvest reports, we have an unconfirmed total of ten bull bison taken by state hunters, and one bull taken by a tribal hunter. I will defer to tribal entities to confirm that harvest (Gardiner area – Jan. 2). So, again, all bulls taken to date – 8 in Gardiner, 3 in West.

Please consider these as in-season indicators as we will follow up with post-hunt period surveys.

Thank you.

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