



**Six Solutions to Increase Safety
of the North Side Bison Hunt**



BCC supports the IBMP goal of maintaining a wild, free-ranging bison population.

BCC is not against bison hunting, but we believe the hunt can be safer.

BCC believes the goal of free-ranging bison can be achieved by allowing bison to:

- Inhabit the entire tolerance zone.
- Disperse and populate the state.
- Be transported to the tribes.



Solution 1: Make carcass removal required in Beattie Gulch. (1.3b)

Models for carcass removal include:

- Greater Yellowstone Coalition has offered to help with the cost of a dumpster in Beattie Gulch.
- On the National Elk Refuge, a private company provides carcass removal service that individual hunters pay for.
- Individuals could be paid for carcasses, like Idaho pays fisherman who bring in their catch of certain fish.



Solution 2: Expand the clean zone deeper into Beattie Gulch. (1.1, 1.4a)

Expanding the clean zone by 100 yards to the west:

- Moves the shooting and gut piles farther from Old Yellowstone Trail.
- Reduces the possibility of a stray bullet injuring someone on OYT.

A possible downside: compressing the hunting area.

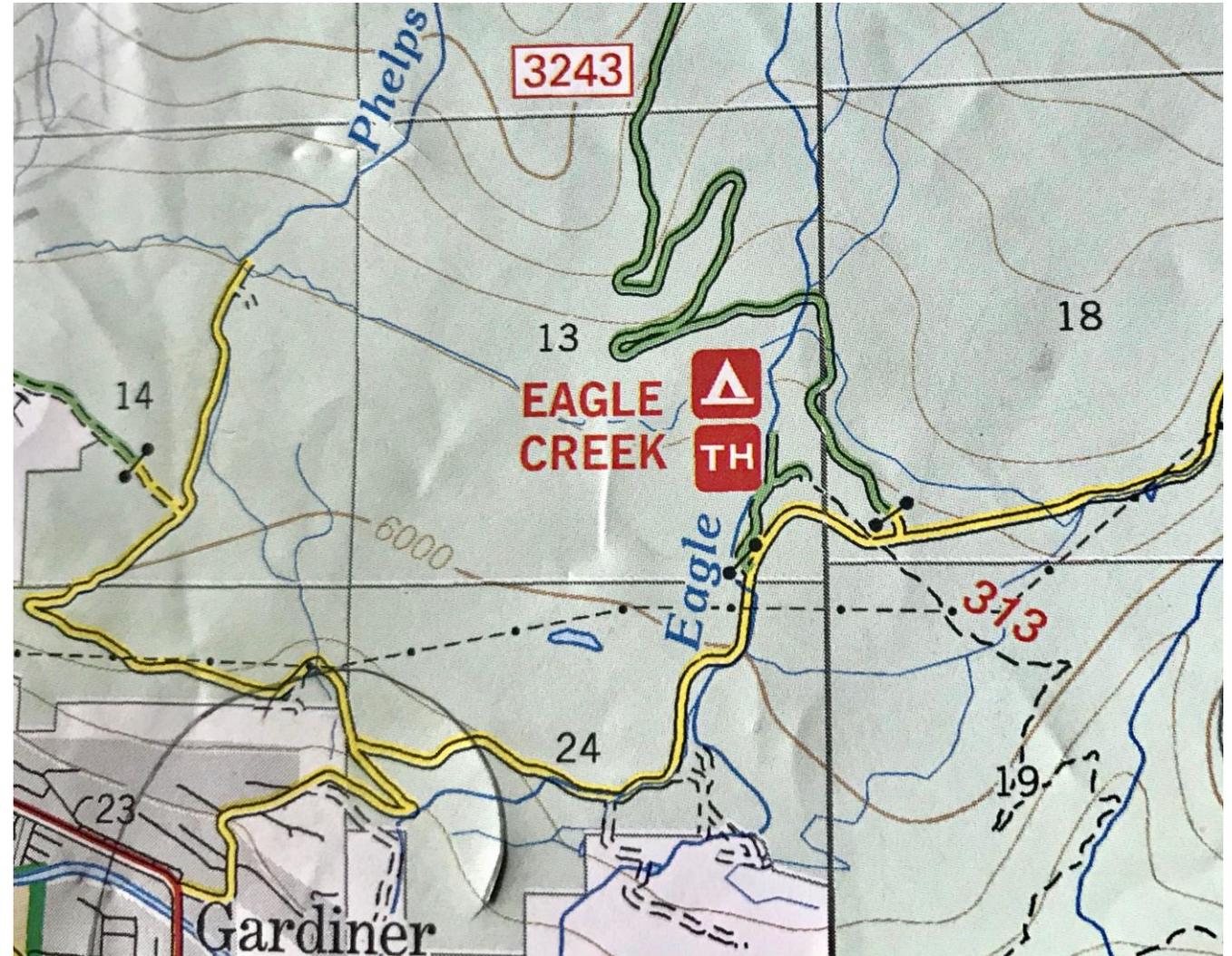
A possible benefit: giving bison a larger pathway to other parts of the tolerance zone.



Solution 3: Create clean zones along portions of Jardine Road and Travertine Road. (1.3b)

The clean zone along **Jardine Road**:

- Starts at the intersection of Hwy 89 and Jardine Rd in Gardiner.
- Goes east to building and pond one-half mile east of Eagle Creek Road.
- Is 150 yards wide on each side of road.



Solution 3: Create clean zones along portions of Jardine Road and Travertine Road. (1.3b)

The clean zone along **Travertine Road**:

- Starts at the intersection of Travertine Road and Jardine Road.
- Continues along Travertine Road for 0.4 mile.
- Is 150 yards wide and only on the east or north side of Travertine Road.

The west and south side are already closed to hunting due to the residences.



Solution 4: Increase residents' awareness of the danger of certain areas during bison hunting season. (1.3b)

BCC can run public service announcements in Gardiner newsletter to encourage residents to:

- Be aware of hunt dates, hunt areas, and clean zones so they may make safe choices.
- Keep dogs leashed or under close supervision when outside during hunting season.



Solution 5: Increase hunter awareness about residents' use of Jardine Road, Eagle Creek Road, and Old Yellowstone Trail and educate hunters in safe practices. (1.3b)

Hunter education and maps of residential areas can help hunters avoid firing shots near roads and dressing carcasses in the roadway.



Solution 6: Reduce parking congestion and trash along Old Yellowstone Trail.

- Tribal representatives discussed at May 16 meeting that they could address traffic congestion and trash reduction.
- Old Yellowstone Trail is a county road. BCC could meet with county commissioners.
- The county, perhaps with the Forest Service, could widen OYT to provide more parking along roadside.
- The county could provide bear-proof trash cans in Beattie Gulch area and along Jardine Road.



Thank You!

Bear Creek Council appreciates this opportunity to:

- Work with the IBMP.
- Present these solutions.
- Help keep residents and hunters safe.
- Discuss the future of bison management.

