

IBMP Winter Operations Teleconference

March 10, 2014 @ 2:00pm

Attendees:

ITBC: Trudy Ecoffey, Melissa Martin
Yellowstone National Park: Rick Wallen, Dave Hallac
MT Fish & Wildlife Parks: Sam Sheppard, Andrea Jones
MT Dept of Livestock: Rob Tierney, Christian McKay
APHIS: None present
US Forest Service: Gavin
CSKT: Germaine White
Nez Perce Tribe: Angela Sondenaa

Agency Reports:

DOL: Westside- 5 yearlings, around Whiskey Bay, heading back towards park, outside- 2 bulls, 7-Eagle Creek on top of Z Hill, 22- Unconfirmed at Cutler Lake.

APHIS: No report

FWParks: 23 bison taken on North side and Gardiner area, 286 bison taken to date this season.

CSKT: Worked with Yellowstone on shipments of bison.

YNP: 102 bison consigned this past week, No longer capturing at Stephens Creek facility, 318 were shipped to slaughter from the facility this year, there are no more bison being held in the facility, A ground count of the Gardiner Basin today observed- 770 bison, few are out of the park this morning but as late as Friday there were more than 100 outside the park.

Forest Service: No updates.

Nez Perce: No updates.

Angela: There were questions if NPS would receive a radio collar back from one of the shot buffalo that was taken down by the Nez Perce hunter; Nez Perce will continue to try to retrieve the collar from the hunter.

ITBC: Trudy- Last animals last week, wrapping up works with slaughter unit. Reminder of IBMP meeting on the April 10th.

Nez Perce: Angela: How many animals total count did ITBC take?

ITBC Trudy: I will get back to you on that.

Rick: 157 to ITBC. 101-Salish-Kootenai, 60-APHIS. **MT Dept of Livestock: Rob-** May have contacted Pat.

YNP: Rick- Solicit agenda items late in the week until we can accumulate a variety of items.

Trudy: Thursday or Friday we'll send out agenda items.

Rick: That will work until we see more activity.

YNP: Dave- Have there been any conflicts with bison and land owners?

We have not seen these complaints.

MT FWP Sam- Not much of anything, watching them enter on private land on the RTR corridor, they bounce back and forth to the park, so it's typical.

Trudy: We will get notice out by Friday morning if there aren't enough agenda items, there may be no meeting next week but plan for a conference call on March 24, 2014 at 2:00pm.