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Comments:

I am a retired educator who has followed the plight of the American Bison in Yellowstone since 1990. I have been disheartened every year watching the harassment and killing of our iconic American Bison. I believe American Bison should be listed as a Species of Conservation Concern. According to 40 scientists in a letter to Governor Bullock in September, 2014 :

"The limited number and distribution of wild, genetically sound bison herds in America, leaves the species vulnerable to catastrophic events - from climate-related habitat changes to disease or policy miscalculations and other events or actions ."

"There is no other native North American wildlife species for which the existing status of bison on the Great Plains would be considered acceptable," the scientists say.

Therefore I support Alternative D. Under Alternative D any barrier that impedes migration would be removed so bison have freedom to roam National Forest Habitat. Cattle grazing allotments would be closed within American Bison ranges. The bison would be connected to their vital natural habitat. Logging and spraying toxic chemicals could be prohibited and fire used as a range management tool.

The harassment of and culling of American Bison is not a 21st century management solution for this iconic and valuable animal which will be lost if current methods of controlling them continue. To ensure their survival they must be listed as a Species of Conservation Concern.