

Table 2: Comparison of Features of Each Alternative

Action	Alternative 1: No Action - Continuation of the Current Interim Bison Management Plan	Alternative 2: Minimal Management	Alternative 3: Management with Emphasis on Limited Public Hunting	Alternative 4: Interim Plan with Limited Public Hunting and Quarantine	Alternative 5: Aggressive Brucellosis Control within Yellowstone National Park through, Capture, Test, and Removal	Alternative 6: Aggressive Brucellosis Control within Yellowstone National Park through Vaccination	Alternative 7: Manage for Specific Bison Population Range	Modified Preferred Alternative	State of Montana October 24, 1999 Preferred Alternative	Implementation of Interim Plan outside Park, Modified Preferred inside Park
Agency-enforced boundary control at Reese Creek	✓	✓ (phase 1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓ (steps 1, 2)	✓	✓ (step 1)
Agency enforced boundary control at Little Trail Creek/Maiden Basin divide	✓	✓ (phase 1)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bison shot inside Eagle Creek/Bear Creek area			✓ (hunt)	✓ (hunt)	✓ (agency)					
Agency-enforced boundary at Yankee Jim Canyon (northern boundary beyond Reese Creek)		✓	✓ (phase 2)				✓ (phase 2)	✓ (steps 2, 3)		
Agency-enforced boundary at Cabin Creek area boundary on western side	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Agency-enforced boundary at Buffalo Horn Creek on western side		✓								
Capture facility at Stephens Creek (northern, Reese Creek boundary inside park)	✓	✓ (phase 1)	✓ (phase 1)	✓	✓	✓	✓ (phase 1)	✓	✓	✓ (step 1)
Capture facilities at Duck Creek and Madison River (western boundary)	✓	✓ (phase 1)		✓	✓					
Capture facilities at several locations inside park					✓	✓ (phase 2)				
Capture facilities at Duck Creek and Horse Butte (western boundary)							✓	✓	✓	✓
Capture facilities at Seven-Mile Bridge (western boundary inside park)						✓				
Seronegative bison from Stephens Creek slaughtered	✓	✓ (phase 1)			✓	✓		✓ (step 1; steps 2 and 3 under certain conditions, quarantine full)	✓ (phase 1)	✓ (step 1)
Seronegative bison from Stephens Creek quarantined			✓	✓			✓	✓ (step 1; steps 2 and 3 under certain conditions)	✓	✓ (step 1)
Seronegative-nonpregnant bison from West Yellowstone capture facilities released onsite	✓	✓ (phase 1)		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Seronegative-pregnant bison from West Yellowstone slaughtered	✓	✓ (phase 1)							✓	✓
Seronegative-pregnant bison from West Yellowstone quarantined				✓			✓ (at high population levels)		✓	✓
Seronegative-pregnant bison from West Yellowstone released onsite						✓	✓			
Quarantine facilities			✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓
Bison hazed into capture facilities, away from borders	✓	✓ (phase 1)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bison crossing boundaries shot	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

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SMA in Eagle Creek/Bear Creek	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
SMA between Reese Creek and Yankee Jim Canyon on west side of Yellowstone River only			✓				✓	✓		
SMA between Reese Creek and Yankee Jim Canyon on east and west side of Yellowstone River		✓								
Western SMA including Horse Butte area	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western SMA includes Cabin Creek/Lee Metcalf area	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Western SMA includes all land south of Buffalo Horn Creek		✓								
Bison hazed back into park from West Yellowstone in May	✓	✓ (phase 1)	✓ (phase 1)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bison hazed back into park from Reese Creek in April								✓ (steps 2, 3)		
Bison hunted in West Yellowstone area			✓	✓ (limited)				✓ (possible)		
Untested bison outside park at Reese Creek								✓ (step 3)		✓ (step 2, 3)
Seronegative bison released at Reese Creek								✓ (step 2)		✓ (step 2)
Untested bison allowed into western SMA, including West Yellowstone area								✓ (step 3, possible in step 2)		
Capture facility at Stephens Creek used only to hold 125 bison overwinter, if late winter population greater than 3,000, or if more than 100 bison occupy Reese Creek management area outside park.								✓ (step 3)		
Capture facility at Horse Butte used only if late winter population greater than 3,000, or if more than 100 bison occupy West Yellowstone management area outside park								✓ (step 3)		

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