

Project Summary

Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: Yellowstone Wildlife Health Program - Brucellosis Adaptive Management

Discipline: Natural Resources
Type of Project: Technical Assistance
Funding Agency: National Park Service
Other Partners/Cooperators: Montana State University
Effective Dates: 5/1/2009 - 11/30/2011
Funding Amount: \$5,875

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Project Abstract:

Vaccination of Yellowstone bison has been directed as an adaptive management adjustment to the IBMP. To initiate this adjustment an additional record of decision is needed. The planning/decision process includes the completion of an environmental impact statement and a public review of the agency's analyses. Yellowstone National Park needs to conduct the following two collaborative tasks during the month of May 2009 with Montana State University.

- 1) A technical review of the draft Environmental Impact Statement titled "Brucellosis Remote Vaccination Program for Bison". The technical reviewer will edit to provide continuity of tone, identify and correct simple grammatical errors and disconnects, and incorporate "call out" boxes to translate complex concepts and issues into "laymen terminology".
- 2) The technical reviewer will also provide suggestions to the NPS contact or designee to enhance cross-referencing of citations from IBMP documents.

The final product will be an edited copy of the current draft Environmental Impact Statement

Outcomes with Completion Dates: Completed technical review of DEIS: May 31, 2009

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