Project Summary Rocky Mountains Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit

Project Title: An Initiative to Enhance Brucellosis Vaccines, Vaccine Delivery, and Surveillance Diagnostics for Bison and Elk in the Greater Yellowstone Area

Type of Project: Education

Project Discipline: Natural

Funding Agency: USGS-BRD

Other Partners/Cooperators: University of Wyoming, NPS, USFWS, USDA-APHIS

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Investigators and Agency Representative:

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Project Abstract:

The Special Committee proposes to organize a facilitated multi-stakeholder working symposium that will bring together key individuals from federal, state academic and private sectors to formulate a Strategic Action Plan for an "An Initiative to Enhance Brucellosis Vaccines, Vaccine Delivery, and Surveillance Diagnostics for Bison and Elk in the Greater Yellowstone Area". The intent of the Strategic Plan is to describe the overarching framework and level of support required to 1) develop and test enhanced vaccines for safety and efficacy I applications to bison and elk, 2) develop and test safe and effective vaccines delivery options, and 3) improve live-animal diagnostic capabilities in distinguishing seropositive from infected animals.

Outcomes with completion dates (reports, publications, workshops, videos, etc.):

Keywords: brucellosis, bison, elk, vaccine, Yellowstone National Park, University of Wyoming, Grand Teton National Park, US Fish and Wildlife Service

Attach any appropriate supporting materials.