

Draft Goals for the National Bison Range Complex

Cultural Resources

Preserve and value the cultural resources and history of the National Bison Range Complex to connect staff, visitors, and community to the area's past and continuing traditions.

Partnerships and Collaboration

Maintain and cultivate partnerships that help achieve the vision and supporting goals and objectives of the National Bison Range Complex to support wildlife and habitat conservation, research, foster awareness and appreciation of natural and cultural resources of the inter-montane ecosystem of western Montana and provide education along with all necessary infrastructure. Recognizing its importance, we will collaborate with the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes and other Tribal governments in a manner consistent with the Service's Native American policy and with other Federal, State, and local government entities in a manner consistent with applicable Service policies.

Public Use

Provide compatible, wildlife-dependent recreational opportunities, for persons of all abilities, to learn, enjoy, and appreciate the inter-montane landscape of western Montana, the fish and wildlife and plants.

Wildlife Management

Protect, maintain, and restore healthy and diverse wildlife populations with respect to species that are endemic, migratory, and mandated species of concern.

Invasive Species

Prevent, reduce, and contain the invasion and spread of noxious, invasive, and harmful nonnative species within the Complex while working with partners to address off-Complex infestations within the surrounding landscape.

Habitat Management

Conserve, restore, and promote biological integrity in functional and sustainable ecologically diverse habitats of the inter-montane ecosystem of western Montana.

Research and Science

Encourage high quality research and promote the use of scientifically sound management decisions.

Administration and Operations

Effectively use funding, staff, partnerships, volunteers, and equipment to restore and manage Complex habitats, conduct programs, and improve and maintain all necessary infrastructures to the benefit of the Complex and the Refuge System.

Monitoring and Adaptive Management

Through the life of this plan, we will monitor and evaluate the consequences of our actions and use adaptive management to reach desired outcomes.