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Hi Trevor —attempting to send you these photos again from my computer.

Cheers,
Chris

Begin forwarded message:

From: Christine Paige <wanderofftrail@gmail.com>
Subject: bison fence photos
Date: July 7, 2023 at 7:22:24 PM MDT
To: Matt Hogan <Matt_Hogan@fws.gov>

Hi Matt,
Here are a handful of iphone pix (not high quality) I took of the Grizzly Ridge Ranch bison fences to give you an idea of what they're working with. Most of the fences are 6-foot field fence with metal posts (7-feet in some areas).

In a few places they installed a low cross bar for an underpass, or folded the fence wire over to allow animals to jump over more easily. The ranch removed quite a bit of old cross fencing, so much of what we viewed is perimeter fence along property boundaries and roads. I think Morgan said there is about 90 miles of perimeter fence.

On the west boundary of the ranch (not the conservation easement section), there is a double fence — the original cattle fence and the ranch's bison fence. It was agreed that the cattle fence could come out as it is on tribal land, and everyone seemed amenable to making it happen quickly, with the ranch allowing access. I don't know if that was carried out. As I understand it, that area, just below Chief Mountain, is where the tribe released their free-roaming bison herd. The tribal biologists said the area is dense with wildlife — elk, moose, grizzlies, wolves, mountain lions, etc. — an amazing landscape, and of course it borders Glacier NP and Alberta.

Hope these might help.

Cheers,
Chris

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Standard fence:



Mark with fence for scale:



Underpass:



Underpass:



Elk overpass at fence corner (I don't have a measurement on the bar height here):



Field fence folded over as overpass:



Double fence on western ranch boundary with tribal land. It was agreed that the older cattle fence could be removed.



Chief Mountain above Grizzly Ridge Ranch:

