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To: Senator_JBarrasso@barrasso.senate.gov
Cc: michael_bean@ios.doi.gov
Subject: Re: Response From John Barrasso
Date: Wednesday, February 18, 2015 1:20:55 PM
Attachments: [JacksonBisonObjectiveFinal.pdf](#)

Dear Senator Barrasso,

Thank you for responding to me. Please review the information I am attaching. I met with Pam Buline of your office over two weeks ago and provided information in addition to the volumes of information I have sent to you detailing my concern that USF&WS in conjunction with the NER and WG&F pursuant to the EIS, 2007 ROD, BEMP, have not followed biological assessments in terms of the appropriate culling of the Bison Herd in half in order to be genetically viable and they have ignored the biological assessment, required by ESA for the Grizzly Bear, in regard to managing the hunting of both the bison and elk in GTNP and NER and now on private land which has resulted in the death of Grizzly Bear 760 and the jeopardy to the future of the entire GTNP Grizzly Bear population. This is due to the acts of these agencies in violation of the EIS and the ESA. At this point we need the ESA for species we treasure on our landscape. Certainly the Grizzly Bear attracts large numbers of tourist to Wyoming each year. Please review this information in addition to all I have sent to you in the last month and please request the public process required in the EIS when the Jackson Elk Herd is below 11,000 in population and a meaningful public process in terms of continued culling of the GTNP Bison Herd one of our nations last free roaming bison herds. Thank you. Deidre J. Bainbridge, JD, 307 739 0748 P.S. Please review this:

This PDF is a document Wyoming Game and Fish biologist Doug Brimeyer prepared to submit to the commission for the authority to cull the bison herd so drastically, in half. It ignores that 500 was determined to be viable genetically with a 1 to 1 sex ratio. The ratio is now reported at two cows to one bull. I asked him why he ignored the sex ratio in the EIS and he said, "I thought that was just a recommendation not a requirement and I can make up for it later." Whatever information was submitted for public comment last June I did not see it or I would have attended the meeting. What is clear is that it did not include information on what is required for a genetically viable population in the actual EIS which he is duty bound to follow. That was not a valid public process. The public was deprived the right to meaningfully participate in that process. Again review this NPS report, http://www.nature.nps.gov/biology/documents/Bison_Genetics_Report.pdf, which is right on point. Please help request the public process asap on both the Elk and Bison issues I have detailed. The public has the right to demand a full and meaningful public process at this time. This is of particular note right now as the governor has appointed a special panel to determine the future of WG&F. This agency is in no position to manage an ESA issue at this time and the proof is in the blatant mismanagement of the EIS/BEMP. Thank you. Deidre J. Bainbridge

On Feb 13, 2015, at 2:15 PM, <Senator_JBarrasso@barrasso.senate.gov>
<Senator_JBarrasso@barrasso.senate.gov> wrote:

Dear Deidre,

Thank you for contacting me about the Endangered Species Act (ESA). It is good to hear from you.

I appreciate your support for the ESA. I believe that the people of Wyoming and our western neighbors are better equipped than the federal government to develop and implement wildlife management policies. Wyoming should be able to execute policies that work for Wyoming without interference from the federal government or other states that do not fully understand or appreciate the real implications of listing species under the ESA. Wyoming, not Washington, D.C., is in the best position to determine how our wildlife should be managed.

Thank you for taking the time to contact me. I hope you will stay in touch.

John Barrasso, M.D.
United States Senator