

BID INVITATION SALE OF LIVE BISON

National Bison Range
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Bid Opening: September 17, 2012

The National Bison Range is offering a minimum of **45** live American Bison (buffalo) for sale by sealed, competitive bid. Top bid per animal for each group will be awarded first, then the second highest bid, and so on until all animals in each sex and age group have been awarded. Bids are accepted for one or more animals. Bids will be considered in whole dollars only (no cents).

Sealed bids in single copy will be received at the above address until 2 P.M. (Mountain Daylight Saving Time), Bid envelopes should be marked "Bison Bid – open 2 P.M., Monday, September 17, 2012".

See Sales Conditions Attached.

GROUP	QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER DESIRED	PRICE BID PER ANIMAL	TOTAL BID
1	18	Yearling Males		\$	\$
				\$	\$
				\$	\$
3	15	Yearling Females		\$	\$
4	2	Two-year-old Females		\$	\$
5	3	Three-year-old Females		\$	\$
6	5	Four-year-old Females		\$	\$
7	3	Five-year-old Females		\$	\$
				\$	\$

Name of Individual or Firm (Please print):

Signature:

Address

Date: _____

Phone: _____

Deposit Check to **USFWS** in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed (US FUNDS)

Fax: _____

SALES CONDITIONS

1. Bidders may bid on one or any number of animals. No multiple choice bids will be accepted, bid only on the animals wanted. Bids will be considered in whole dollar amounts only (no cents).
2. A 10% deposit is required with all bids. **All deposit checks should be made payable to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (U.S. funds).** Deposit checks will **ONLY** be returned to unsuccessful bidders. Successful bidders that decline will forfeit their deposit.
3. No bids will be accepted by phone or after closing date.
4. All animals will be delivered to buyer's trucks between the dates of October 3-5, 2012. Exact date of delivery will depend on number purchased per buyer and required health tests. Out of state buyers will be notified to pick up bison on Thursday or Friday, October 4 or 5, depending on number purchased and timelines for testing.
5. The National Bison Range (NBR) bison come from outside the designated Brucellosis Surveillance Area in Montana. **If special testing is required, bidders will be responsible for arranging and payment of such testing.**
6. The National Bison Range and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) provide an on-site veterinarian to conduct veterinary inspections and other necessary testing. The NBR will permit brucellosis and tuberculosis testing of bison leaving the National Bison Range to meet animal health requirements of a receiving state. This must be arranged by the buyer with our on-site veterinarian. The NBR will provide holding facilities, feed and water for the 3 days required for tuberculosis testing. Costs incurred for these tests, a certificate of veterinary inspection, and any additional testing required by receiving states, are the responsibility of the buyer.
7. Bison from the National Bison Range are wild animals. As with all federal and state agencies managing wildlife; the USFWS makes no certification as to the suitability for human consumption. Meat inspection is responsibility of the U.S. Department of Agriculture and can be arranged independently through cooperating slaughter establishments.
8. NBR has developed a herd-health monitoring program for bison. This program is designed to assess the presence and prevalence of diseases in the population as a whole, and not to determine presence or absence of disease in individual animals. This program is part of an adaptive management process and emphasis varies according to current and local wildlife threats and/or needs for early detection and rapid response of wildlife diseases. Some agents of diseases such as Malignant Catarrhal Fever (MCF), Johne's disease (paratuberculosis), and Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD), have been detected at very low levels or preliminary data suggests they may be present.
9. **Selection of animals is predetermined by our regional veterinarian.** Bison will be brought through the facility on October 1st and 2nd between 8 and 4:30 pm and this is open for public viewing. Reasonable effort will be made to deliver normal and apparently healthy animals.
10. Yearling animals are approximately 16 months old.
11. An appropriate "Bill of Sale" will be given each buyer.
12. Hauling equipment must be sturdy, well ventilated and covered with solid paneling to prevent bison from seeing outside the trailer. Bison settle down quicker when outside visual stimuli are eliminated. It is recommended that buyers plan on hauling two-year old bulls separately from females. Three-year old bulls and older should be transported individually or in individual compartments. Yearling bulls can be hauled in groups or with cows. Light pickup stock-racks or small trailers are not sturdy enough for any animal over a yearling and will not be loaded.
13. **All trucks and trailers must be thoroughly cleaned prior to entry into the National Bison Range. Buyers must check in at the Visitor Center. Equipment will be inspected and sprayed with a disinfectant before being directed to the loading station. Vehicles with unclean beds will not be loaded.**