

# CSKT BISON RANGE

## 2023 Surplus Bison

Total reduction of bison herd in 2023 – 30 animals

Please Note: Bid packets are available for viewing and download on our website at <http://csktnrd.org/wildlife>, and can be requested to be received via email ([wildlife@cskt.org](mailto:wildlife@cskt.org)).

*Thank you for your interest.*

### 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. Deposits must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order, no personal checks. **All deposit checks should be made payable to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.** Deposit checks will **ONLY** be returned to unsuccessful bidders. Successful bidders that decline will forfeit their deposit. Final payment for successful bidders may only be in the form of cashier's check, money order, or cash, no personal checks.
3. **No** bids will be accepted by phone or mail after 2:00 PM on the closing date of September 7, 2023.
4. Bison from the Bison Range are wild animals. As with all federal and state agencies managing wildlife; the CSKT 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.
5. The Bison Range is following 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 (M. paratuberculosis), and Bovine Viral Diarrhea (BVD), have been detected at very low levels in the past.
6. The Bison Range bison come from outside the designated Brucellosis Surveillance Area in Montana.
7. The CSKT Bison Range provides an on-site veterinarian during the Handling Event to conduct veterinary inspections and other necessary testing. The Bison Range will permit brucellosis and tuberculosis testing of bison leaving the range to meet animal health requirements of a recipient state. This must be arranged by the buyer with our on-site veterinarian. The Bison Range will provide holding facilities, feed and water for the 5 days required for tuberculosis testing and for shipping arrangements to be made. Costs incurred for these tests, a certificate of veterinary inspection, and any additional testing required by receiving states, are the responsibility of the buyer. **Successful bidders are responsible for determining the testing requirements for their state and coordinating such testing with the Bison Range (406) 644-2211, or CSKT Biologist Shannon Clairmont by September 21, 2023.**
8. **Selection of animals for this sale is predetermined by the CSKT Bison Range Biologist prior to the handling event.** Sale animals are identified and herded into sale pens during our bi-annual bison capture operation. This will occur on October 2-4 between 8:30 and 4:30 pm and is not open to public viewing in 2023. Reasonable effort will be made to deliver normal and apparently healthy animals.
9. All animals will be delivered to buyer's trucks between the dates of October 09-12, 2023. Exact date and time for pick up is scheduled by the refuge biologist and buyer and can vary according to number purchased by buyer and timelines for required health tests. Out of state buyers schedule will be dependent on recipient state regulations and should be planned for in advance.

**TURN OVER**

10. An appropriate “Bill of Sale” will be given to each buyer. Bison are sold, AS IS, NO WARRANTY, further, this is a contract for sale, any contractual disputes will be resolved in the CSKT forums.
  
11. Hauling equipment must be sturdy, well ventilated and covered with solid paneling over any holes/open areas to prevent bison from seeing outside the trailer; bison settle down faster when outside visual stimuli are eliminated. It is recommended that buyers plan on hauling any bulls separately from females. Light pickup stock-racks or small trailers are not sturdy enough for any animal over a yearling and will not be loaded. Any failure to load an animal due to equipment failure, or inadequate equipment, will result in the delivery of the bison being rescheduled to a later date to ensure adequate equipment is sourced. Cost incurred due to any delayed delivery of bison, for any reason, are the responsibility of the buyer.
  
12. **All trucks and trailers must be thoroughly cleaned prior to entry into the Bison Range. Buyers must check in at the Visitor Center upon arrival. Equipment will be inspected and sprayed with a disinfectant before being directed to the loading station. Vehicles/trailers with unclean beds will not be loaded and directed to the nearest wash station (Charlo, St. Ignatius, or Ronan.)**
  
13. CSKT Bison Range will not allow onsite slaughtering, this is done at buyers own residence, or at the buyers arranged slaughter facility.

**BID INVITATION SALE OF LIVE BISON**  
**CSKT Bison Range**  
**58355 Bison Range Road**  
**Moiese, Montana 59824**  
**Phone (406) 675-2700**

**Date Issued/Opened: August 15, 2023**

**Bid Closed: September 07, 2023 2:00 PM**

The CSKT Bison Range is offering 30 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). **The Bison Range cannot guarantee fulfillment of sale quantities in any given year.**

Sealed bids in single copy with deposit will be received at the above address until **2 P.M.** (Mountain Daylight Saving Time), on the date specified. This bid is a contractual agreement. By bidding and signing this, you are contractually obligated to complete the purchase. If you do not sign this page, your bid is null and void.

Bid envelopes should be marked "Bison Bid – open 2 P.M., Wednesday September 07, 2023."

QUANTITY AVAILABLE	DESCRIPTION	NUMBER DESIRED	PRICE BID PER ANIMAL	TOTAL BID
12	Two-year old males		\$	\$
8	Two-year old females		\$	\$
5	Three-year old males		\$	\$
5	Three-year old females		\$	\$
<b>Minimum Bids</b>	Two-year olds/ \$1,100 bison Three-year olds \$1,200/bison			

Name of Individual or Firm (Please print):

Signature:

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Address

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Deposit to **Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes** in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (US FUNDS)

Contact persons: Shannon Clairmont, (406) 675-2700 ext. 7242 [shannon.clairmont@cskt.org](mailto:shannon.clairmont@cskt.org) or Kari Kingery, 406 7675-2700 ext. 7217 [kari.kingery@cskt.org](mailto:kari.kingery@cskt.org)