

NOTE TO REVIEWERS

Senator Jon Tester Request for Technical Drafting Assistance National Bison Range

- Senator Jon Tester (D-MT) requested the Department provide technical drafting assistance for legislative language that would transfer the lands comprising the National Bison Range unit of the National Wildlife Refuge System to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, to be held in trust by the Secretary of the Interior for the benefit of the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT).
- The language attached has been reviewed by the Solicitor's Office and would:
 - Transfer the lands from the Refuge System by the Secretary of the Interior to be held in trust for the benefit of the Tribes and shall be part of the Flathead Indian Reservation.
 - Transfer other property (buildings, structures, etc.)
 - Lays out management responsibilities to include: care and maintenance of bison, conservation of natural resources on the lands, and maintenance of a visitor's center for provide for public visitation and education.
- Please review and surname as soon as possible. The surname route is as follows:
 - R6 (16-Surname through DTS)
 - AEA-CLA (16-Surname through DTS)
 - ANRS (16-Surname through DTS)
 - AEA-DAEA (16-Surname through DTS)
 - AEA (16-Surname through DTS)
 - D (16-Surname through DTS)
 - FW (16-Surname through DTS)
 - CLA (2-Appropriate Action)
- Once the internal review process is complete, CLA will share the approved draft text with the Department's Office of Congressional and Legislative Affairs (OCL) to finish the review process through DOI, OMB, etc. OCL will then transmit the cleared language to Senator Tester's office.
- Any questions or concerns should be directed to Roya Mogadam in Congressional and Legislative Affairs at 703-358-2128.