

Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes

PUBLIC MEETING on DRAFT NATIONAL BISON RANGE RESTORATION LEGISLATION Salish Kootenai College – Johnny Arlee and Victor Charlo Theater July 12, 2016 7:00 - 9:00 PM

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From: [Munoz, Anna](#)
To: [Noreen Walsh](#); [Matt Hogan](#)
Cc: [Will Meeks](#)
Subject: Fwd: CSKT public meeting on draft NBR restoration legislation
Date: Monday, July 11, 2016 10:05:47 AM
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Jeff_King@fws.gov
Cc: shane.morigeau@cskt.org, george@georgewaters.com

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Draft National Bison Range Restoration Legislation
July 12, 2016 Public Meeting

Comment Form

Name (please print) _____

Email or Mailing Address (optional) _____

Representation (if any) _____

It would be helpful to have your responses to the following:

1. What is most important to you about management of the Bison Range?
2. What new opportunities do you see for the Bison Range?
3. What changes would you propose for the draft legislation?
4. Additional comments and/or questions:

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To: [Noreen Walsh](#); [Matt Hogan](#); will_meeks@fws.gov; [Cynthia Martinez](#); [Shaun Sanchez](#); [Roya Mogadam](#); stephen_torbit@fws.gov
Subject: Fwd: Google Alert - "Bison Range"
Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 5:20:15 AM

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To: [Anna Munoz](#)
Subject: RE: Google Alert - "Bison Range"
Date: Wednesday, July 13, 2016 7:33:00 AM

Thanks Anna. You are right; that comment is curious.

Noreen Walsh
Regional Director
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From: Anna Munoz [mailto:anna_munoz@fws.gov]
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Both are worth a read but the second link provides specific quotes from the Congressional delegation.

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KBZK Bozeman News

Attorneys drafting legislation to switch management of the National **Bison Range** to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes say they've written ...

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[Montana Delegation Reserving Judgement On Proposed **Bison Range** Transfer](#)

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"I look forward to reviewing the comments and better understanding the impacts of transferring the management of

the **bison range** to the CSKT."



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To: [Will Meeks](#)
Subject: Re: FYI: House Natural Resources Minority Staff Trip to NBR
Date: Thursday, July 14, 2016 10:42:31 AM

Spoke to Roya this morning. The staffer would like to visit NBR sometime in August. How would you like to proceed?

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Date: Thu, Jun 30, 2016 at 12:48 PM
Subject: FYI: House Natural Resources Minority Staff Trip to NBR
To: Anna Munoz <anna_munoz@fws.gov>

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-Roya

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To: [Munoz, Anna](#)
Subject: Re: FYI: House Natural Resources Minority Staff Trip to NBR
Date: Thursday, July 14, 2016 10:57:38 AM

I say to have me help schedule it. I'd like, at the very least, Mike Blenden to go. Maybe you want to attend?? Roya??

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