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I have followed the bison/cattle conflict in Montana for years. The IBMP has worked well for the cattle industry at the expense of thousands of slaughtered bison. Yet after a majority of comments in support of bison as a species of conservation concern you do nothing to safeguard their future existence.

Bison inhabited this region for thousands of years before any cattle appeared on the landscape that subsequently infected them with Brucellosis a disease bison have never transmitted to cattle unlike elk which roam freely. But it is bison that are persecuted to satisfy the cattle industry.

There is a bias against bison and it is evident in your Plan.

Gallatin Natl Forest is the logical extension of habitat for bison. But once again the cattle industry has the power to stop any more concessions to bison.

By not granting bison the protections and sanctuary they need you expose the bias toward the industry.

How many bison must again be slaughtered to please the cattle industry.