

## DRAFT OF FINDING SUMMARY FOR FEDERAL REGISTER PUBLICATION

### **Evaluation of a Petition to List the Yellowstone National Park Bison as an Endangered or Threatened Species Under the Act**

Additional information regarding our review of this petition can be found as an appendix at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS–R6–ES–2015–0123 under the Supporting Documents section.

#### *Species and Range*

Yellowstone National Park bison (population of subspecies *Bison bison bison*);  
Yellowstone National Park.

#### *Petition History*

On November 14, 2014, we received a petition dated November 13, 2014, from the Western Watersheds Project and Buffalo Field Campaign, requesting the Yellowstone National Park (YNP) bison be listed as threatened or endangered under the Act. The petition clearly identified itself as such and included the requisite identification information for the petitioner, required at 50 CFR 424.14(a).

On March 2, 2015, we received a secondary petition dated March 2, 2015, from Mr. James A. Horsley, requesting that the YNP bison be listed as threatened or endangered under the Act. The petition clearly identified itself as such and included the requisite identification information for the petitioner, required at 50 CFR 424.14(a). In a March 24, 2015, letter to the

petitioner, we responded that we reviewed the information presented in the petition and did not find that the petition warranted an emergency listing.

This finding addresses both above petitions.

### *Finding*

Based on our review of the petition and sources cited in the petition, we find that the petition does not provide substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. We are not initiating a status review of this DPS in response to the petition. Our justification for this finding can be found as an appendix at <http://www.regulations.gov> under Docket No. FWS–R6–ES–2015–0123 under the “Supporting Documents” section. However, we ask that the public submit to us any new information that becomes available concerning the status of, or threats to, the YNP bison or its habitat at any time (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).