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**Petition for a Rule to List the Yellowstone Bison Distinct Population Segment of Plains  
Bison as Threatened or Endangered**

Dear Secretary Jewell:

Western Watersheds Project and Buffalo Field Campaign hereby petition for a rule to list the Yellowstone Bison distinct population segment of Plains bison (*Bison bison*) as a “threatened” or “endangered” species under the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C § 1531 et seq.).

Western Watersheds Project is a regional conservation organization with offices in Arizona, California, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and Wyoming. The mission of Western Watersheds Project is to protect and restore watersheds and wildlife habitats on the nation’s public lands through education, scientific study, public policy initiatives, and litigation.

Buffalo Field Campaign is a conservation organization with offices in Montana. The mission of Buffalo Field Campaign is to protect the natural habitat of wild migratory buffalo and native wildlife, to stop the slaughter and harassment of America’s last wild buffalo as well as to advocate for their lasting protection, and to work with people of all nations to honor the sacredness of wild buffalo.

This notice and attached petition are filed under 5 U.S.C. § 553(e), 16 U.S.C. § 1533(b)(3)(A) and 50 C.F.R. § 424.19, which give interested persons the right to petition for the issuance of a rule. This submittal is not intended to supplement any previous petition the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has received to list plains bison under the Endangered Species Act but is submitted as a wholly new petition for the species.

We are aware that this petition sets in motion a specific process placing definite response requirements on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and very specific time constraints upon those responses. 16 U.S.C. § 1553(b).

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Enclosures: Petition to List the Yellowstone Bison as Threatened or Endangered Under the  
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