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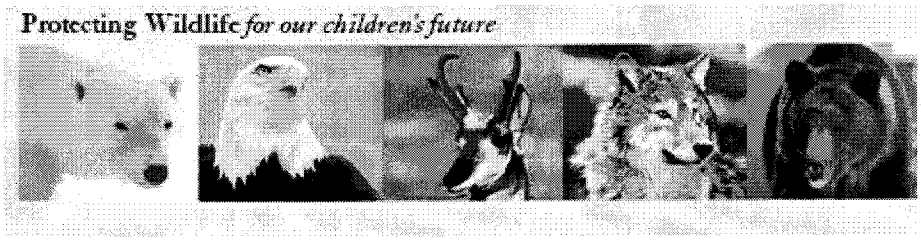

MONTANA VOTERS (N=400)
February 23-24, 2011

The survey was conducted February 23-24, 2011 by Moore Information, Inc. a national public opinion research company. Telephone interviews were conducted among a representative sample of 400 registered voters statewide. Random Digit Dialing and probability sampling methods were used to select potential respondents, and respondents were screened to include only those who are registered to vote in the State. The potential sampling error associated with the 400 statewide interviews is +/-5% at the 95% confidence level. This means that if the survey were conducted 100 times, the results would fall within that plus or minus range 95 of the 100 times.

As you may know, wild populations of bison used to roam throughout all of eastern Montana but now wild populations occur only in and around Yellowstone National Park.

In your opinion, is it possible for Montana to manage wild bison in the same way that other wildlife species are managed in the state, such as elk and deer, or not?

yes	63%
don't know	10%
no	27%

Would you favor or oppose the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks investigating possible locations in Montana where wild bison populations could be restored? IF FAVOR/OPPOSE: Do you feel strongly about that?

strongly favor	40%
favor	31%
Total favor	**70%**
don't know	6%
Total oppose	**24%**
oppose	5%
strongly oppose	18%

Would you favor or oppose allowing hunters to hunt wild bison populations in Montana the same way they hunt other species like deer and elk? IF FAVOR/OPPOSE: Do you feel strongly about that?

strongly favor	42%
Favor	28%
Total favor	**70%**
don't know	7%
Total oppose	**23%**
Oppose	8%
strongly oppose	15%

The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is considering establishing a bison population within a 26,000 acre state-owned wildlife management area near Deer Lodge, in western Montana.

Do you support or oppose the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks establishing a bison population within a 26,000 acre, state-owned wildlife management area? IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Is that strongly support/oppose or somewhat support/oppose?

strongly support	42%
somewhat support	30%
Total support	**72%**
don't know	7%
Total oppose	**22%**
somewhat oppose	6%
strongly oppose	16%

As you may know, the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge in north-central Montana is a 1.1 million acre wildlife refuge, commonly known as the "CMR." The CMR is managed by the federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in cooperation with the State of Montana.

Would you support or oppose restoration of a wild bison population in and around the CMR in north-central Montana? IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Is that strongly support/oppose or somewhat support/oppose?

strongly support	40%
somewhat support	30%
Total support	**70%**
don't know	5%
Total oppose	**25%**
somewhat oppose	6%
strongly oppose	19%

If a wild bison population is established in and around the CMR, would you favor or oppose allowing hunters to hunt these bison? IF FAVOR/OPPOSE: Do feel strongly about that?

strongly favor hunting	47%
favor hunting	28%
Total favor hunting	**75%**
don't know	4%
Total oppose hunting	**20%**
oppose hunting	8%
strongly oppose hunting	12%

Subset of Montana Voters Supportive of Bison Restoration

Earlier you said you favored restoring wild bison populations in Montana.

Primarily, on what kind of land should wild bison be restored?

Primarily on state-owned or managed lands such as state parks, state wildlife management areas, and places where the state obtains easements from landowners	38%
Primarily on federal lands such as BLM and National Wildlife Refuges, and Forest Service	35%
Primarily on reservations managed by Montana's tribes	13%
none	4%
don't know	10%

Now here are some statements about establishing wild bison in Montana. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each.

Scale
1. strongly agree
2. somewhat agree
3. somewhat disagree
4. strongly disagree
5. don't know

Bison are wildlife just like elk or deer.

strongly agree	70%
somewhat agree	17%
Total agree	**86%**
Total disagree	**13%**
somewhat disagree	6%
strongly disagree	6%
don't know	1%

We should try to find places where we can have wild populations of all species of wildlife that once lived in Montana, including bison.

strongly agree	70%
somewhat agree	24%
Total agree	**94%**
Total disagree	**6%**
somewhat disagree	3%
strongly disagree	3%
don't know	*

A wild population of bison will be an economic asset to rural areas of Montana, in industries such as tourism and hunting for example.

strongly agree	50%
somewhat agree	39%
Total agree	**89%**
Total disagree	**8%**
somewhat disagree	5%
strongly disagree	3%
don't know	3%

It would be good if hunters could hunt wild bison in Montana.

strongly agree	48%
somewhat agree	30%
Total agree	**78%**
Total disagree	**19%**
somewhat disagree	8%
strongly disagree	11%
don't know	3%

Bison and other wildlife species can co-exist with few conflicts.

strongly agree	44%
somewhat agree	33%
Total agree	**77%**
Total disagree	**15%**
somewhat disagree	7%
strongly disagree	8%
don't know	8%

*Less than one-half of one percent

Subset of Montana Voters Opposed to Bison Restoration

Now here are some other statements about establishing wild bison in Montana. Please tell me if you strongly agree, somewhat agree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree with each.

Scale
1. strongly agree
2. somewhat agree
3. somewhat disagree
4. strongly disagree
5. don't know

There isn't enough public land for a herd of bison in Montana.

strongly agree	23%
somewhat agree	13%
Total agree	**36%**
Total disagree	**55%**
somewhat disagree	27%
strongly disagree	28%
don't know	9%

It will be impossible to keep bison off privately-owned lands.

strongly agree	58%
somewhat agree	21%
Total agree	**79%**
Total disagree	**15%**
somewhat disagree	6%
strongly disagree	9%
don't know	5%

Bison diseases may damage Montana's cattle industry.

strongly agree	60%
somewhat agree	15%
Total agree	**75%**
Total disagree	**15%**
somewhat disagree	8%
strongly disagree	7%
don't know	10%

Bison will compete for food with other wildlife.

strongly agree	65%
somewhat agree	25%
Total agree	**89%**
Total disagree	**9%**
somewhat disagree	7%
strongly disagree	2%
don't know	1%

Bison will compete for food with cattle on private lands.

strongly agree	59%
somewhat agree	23%
Total agree	**82%**
Total disagree	**15%**
somewhat disagree	6%
strongly disagree	10%
don't know	3%

Bison will pose a threat or danger to people.

strongly agree	33%
somewhat agree	28%
Total agree	**61%**
Total disagree	**37%**
somewhat disagree	19%
strongly disagree	18%
don't know	2%

Bison will cause damage to private property like fences.

strongly agree	70%
somewhat agree	21%
Total agree	**91%**
Total disagree	**7%**
somewhat disagree	4%
strongly disagree	3%
don't know	2%

Background Questions:

When it comes to politics, which of the following best describes how you usually vote?

mostly or only for Republicans	30%
a few more Republicans than Democrats	14%
Total Republicans	**44%**
Independent/the person	16%
Total Democrats	**36%**
a few more Democrats than Republicans	10%
mostly or only for Democrats	26%
don't know	4%

Gender (BY OBSERVATION)

male	48%
female	52%