

**STEPS AND TIMELINE TO IMPLEMENT SB 395**

<b>STEP</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TIMELINE</b>	<b>COMMENTS/ASSUMPTIONS</b>
1.	Obtain FWP Commission direction on whether or not to proceed with the implementation of SB 395	September 11, 2003	If Commission does not wish to proceed, process stops here
2.	Obtain Board of Livestock (BOL) direction on whether or not to proceed with implementation of SB 395	September 15/16, 2003	If Board does not want to allow hunting, process stops here
3.	Conduct public scoping for EA	February - March '04	Advertised through press release
3.	Draft EA on decision to incorporate hunting into bison management	March-April '04	Contract out. Joint effort overseen by DOL & FWP. EA is appropriate level of analysis, tiered off existing FEIS
4.	Public input on draft EA	April - May '04	Hold public meeting in Bozeman and take comments through the mail
5.	Analyze input, final EA, draft ROD	May-June '04	BOL and FWP Commission kept fully informed
6.	ROD reviewed by BOL and Commission	July '04	Concurrence by both BOL and Commission necessary to proceed
7.	ROD signed by Exec. Dir. Dept of Livestock and Dir FWP	July '04	Assumes concurrence of BOL and FWP Commission
8.	FWP Commission approves tentative regulations	August '04	Recommendations will come from FWP based on input from Step 5
9.	Public comment on tentative season structure and quota	August - September May '04	Provides additional opportunity for public input on hunt specifics
10.	FWP Commission approves final regulations	September '04	
11.	Application period	September -October '04	Assumes all applications must be submitted "on-line" or over the counter at FWP offices
12.	Drawing	October '04	
13.	Implement hunt	Fall/Winter '04-'05	Dates and details determined at steps 8-10