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Superintendent Daniel Wenk
United States Department of Interior, National Park Service
P.O.Box 168
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190

Sept. 15, 2016

Superintendent Wenk,

The Environmental Quality Council voted 9-7 on September 14, 2016, to write this letter urging you to work with the Department of Interior and Congress to allow tribal bison hunting within Yellowstone National Park.

At its meeting September 14th in Helena, the EQC heard testimony from Indian tribes with treaty hunting rights in Montana. Representatives of the tribes explained the history and the conduct of treaty hunts in the area of Yellowstone National Park.

As you know, bison are designated as both a wildlife species in need of management and a species in need of disease control in Montana. Bison that migrate from Yellowstone National Park into Montana are hunted pursuant to treaty rights as well as Montana law.

While this letter is not written at the request or on behalf of the tribes, the EQC urges you to honor any future requests from Indian tribes to hunt bison within Yellowstone National Park.

Thank you for considering this request.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gene Vuckovich".

Chairman Gene Vuckovich

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**ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COUNCIL
ROLL CALL VOTE**

Date: 9-14-2016

Name	Aye	Nay
Rep. Gerald Bennett	✓	
Rep. Willis Curdy		✓
Rep. Janet Ellis		✓
Rep. Ed Lieser		✓ P
Rep. Theresa Manzella	✓	
Rep. Kerry White	✓	
Sen. John Brenden	✓	
Sen. Jim Keane		✓
Sen. Mike Phillips		✓
Sen. Rick Ripley	✓	
Sen. Cary Smith	✓	
Mr. Scott Aspenlieder	✓	
Ms. Brooke Erb	✓	
Mr. Bert Lindler		✓
Mr. Roy Morris	✓	
Sen. Gene Vuckovich		✓
16 members	9	7

Motion: Send letter to YNP supporting tribal bison hunting within the park.

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