

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

August 16, 2023

The Honorable Deb Haaland
Secretary
U.S. Department of Interior
1849 C Street N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Secretary Haaland,

It has come to my attention that the Department of the Interior has been holding meetings concerning the reintroduction of bison. It is within the interest of Montanans and my duty as one of their Congressmen to be made aware of any action the Department is considering. These actions would significantly affect my state, and the process being undertaken to accomplish this action must be public and be open to feedback from local stakeholders. I am writing to request all information about any rule-making sessions, hearings, or meetings related to the Department of Interior's actions to restore the bison populations.

Specifically:

- Minutes of any meeting that has taken place regarding bison restoration or reintroduction;
- A schedule of any meetings or hearings that have or will take place regarding this action;
- The times and locations of such meetings;
- A list of participants of each meeting;
- Any agendas set for each meeting;
- A list of outside groups who gave input for the actions related to bison restoration;
- A list of invited participants to each meeting;
- A written statement as to why these meetings or hearings have not been open to the public.

This is a topic that greatly affects my constituents, and it is concerning that these hearings are occurring quietly with little to no information available to the public. I request a response with the above information by August 21st, 2023.

Sincerely,



Matthew M. Rosendale, Sr.
Member of Congress