“As is the case with most of us, money is very tight so when I heard about the Bison Coexistence Project fencing program, I humbly took advantage of it. Subsequently, my backyard fence has diminished my anxieties and allows me to relax a little more…. It’s funny what a little elbow grease, wire, and wooden posts can do for a group of friends and neighbors in a small community like ours.”

—KARRIE TAGGERT, HORSE BUTTE, MONT.

“Our fences are great conversation starters with visitors from out of the area to explain that living with the wildlife is a treat. Since the bison fence installment several years ago, the minimum property damage we had before fencing, has been zero now. And the bison fences even look good!”

—SABINA AND GREG STRAUSS, OWNERS, YELLOWSTONE BASIN INN, GARDINER, MONT.
The Yellowstone Bison Coexistence Project is a collaborative effort to help landowners near Yellowstone National Park address conflicts with bison that roam outside of the park. Funding and assistance is provided by Defenders of Wildlife, Greater Yellowstone Coalition, Natural Resources Defense Council and Sierra Club. If you live in an area where Yellowstone bison roam, we can help you design a barrier to keep bison out of your garden, yard or small pasture and reimburse you for 50 percent of the cost—up to $1,000.*

**Participation in the fencing program is simple:**

1. **Contact us prior to construction** to confirm your place on our list for reimbursement. This is essential because **funding is limited and is first-come, first-served.** To secure funding or get more information, email or call:

   Shana Dunkley
   sdunkley@greateryellowstone.org
   406.586.1593

2. **Plan your project** to keep the area fenced as small as possible. We can provide assistance with planning and design. To ensure that your fence meets wildlife-friendly standards (see Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks’ *A Landowner’s Guide to Wildlife-Friendly Fences*)—particularly if the area you want to fence is larger than one-half acre—a site visit is required prior to approval and construction.

3. Once you complete your fence, **submit the form** (opposite) and required documentation as far in advance of the end of the calendar year as possible to obtain your reimbursement. (Funding will not be held past December 31.)

*Reimbursement of more than $1,000 may be available for landowners whose livestock or agricultural operations are experiencing significant conflicts with bison. Eligibility for this additional funding is determined on a case-by-case basis with input from Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks and/or Department of Livestock and is contingent on wildlife movement needs in the area and availability of funds.*

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