



THE BUFFALO: A TREATY OF COOPERATION, RENEWAL AND RESTORATION

September 29, 2016

Premier Rachel Notley
307 Legislature Building
10800 – 97 Avenue
Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Notley

At the Second Anniversary meeting of the Signatories to the Buffalo Treaty (copy hereto attached) held in Banff, Alberta in conjunction with American Bison Society's 2016 Conference, the Signatories past the attached resolution on the status of plains bison in Alberta. Please accept this letter as a humble but urgent request to act on the status of plains bison in Alberta pursuant to the resolution.

We, the Signatories to the Buffalo Treaty, congratulate the Government of Alberta in taking on the challenge of formulating and implementing a Climate Change Plan. It is our belief that the people of Alberta need assistance in the realization of the goals of Alberta's Climate Change Plan. We cannot think of any better 'environmentalist' than the buffalo. The buffalo is 'key' to environmental restoration. No other animal had as big an impact on environmental and ecological balance on the northern plains as the buffalo. Its re-introduction into key areas, we firmly believe, will assist in the realization of the goals of Alberta's Climate Change Plan. Further, the buffalo will bring about both short and long term benefits including but not limited to conservation, cultural practices, education, health, and research, not only for our people, but for all Albertans.

We, the signatories, look forward to working with you and your government and want to thank you, in advance, for your time and attention to this very important issue for people.

Yours truly



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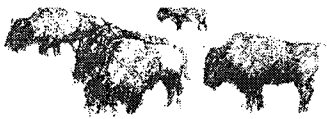
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Cc: Hon. Shannon Phillips, Minister
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ALBERTA PLAINS BISON RESOLUTION

Whereas

a treaty was signed by the undersigned signatories, namely "The Buffalo: A Treaty Of Cooperation, Renewal, And Restoration" in September, 2014 ('The Buffalo Treaty' from herein);

the signatories promised to welcome back the buffalo and collectively work together to provide a safe environment for the buffalo;

the signatories recognize the buffalo as a keystone species in the ecology of the northern plains and agree to perpetuate conservation by respecting the interrelationship between us and 'all our relations' including animals, plants, and mother earth; to perpetuate and continue our spiritual ceremonies, sacred societies, sacred languages, and sacred bundles as a means to embody the thoughts and beliefs of ecological balance;

the buffalo is foundational to our customs, practices, harvesting, beliefs, songs, and ceremonies;

the plains buffalo is classified as 'domestic' and receives no legal protection in the province of Alberta;

the province of Alberta maintains and manages disease-free herds of wood bison such as the Hay-Zama herd located near Assumption, Alberta;

Banff National Park is proceeding with plan to reintroduce free ranging plains bison; **and whereas** the province of Alberta has large tracts of land in the southern part of the province that are highly suitable as buffalo habitats;

It is hereby resolved that the signatories of the Buffalo Treaty, as witnessed by their signatures herein, humbly but urgently request the province of Alberta to: 1. provide for bison to be treated as wildlife along province's Eastern Slopes, 2. to reintroduce wild plains bison as an ecological process on provincial conservation lands, 3. support the efforts of First Nation who wish to have free ranging bison on their lands, 4. work with Parks Canada to ensure wide ranging population of wild plains bison are welcome on provincial lands adjacent to National Parks.



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