



December 17, 2013

Pat Wise
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Dear Pat:

On behalf of all interagency partners that collectively manage Yellowstone bison, we would like to recommend that the Montana Department of Transportation consider reducing the speed limit to 55 miles per hour along Highway 89 South between Gardiner, Montana and the Yankee Jim Canyon during the time period in which the bison guard apparatus is in place at the head of Yankee Jim Canyon. We have discussed this recommendation among the agency partners and feel that this adjustment is consistent with other similar road segments around the state in which the Department of Transportation has reduced speed limits to minimize risk of traffic accidents in wildlife winter ranges. This recommendation will certainly benefit wildlife that use this same winter range, such as bighorn sheep, mule deer, elk, and to some degree moose and white-tailed deer and is in the best interest of public safety.

Thank you for your consideration.

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