

**Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Wildlife Restoration Grant**

GRANT NUMBER: AKW-20 FY2017

PROJECT TITLE: 20.0 Interior Alaska Wildlife Planning

PROJECT DURATION: 1 July 2016–30 June 2017

REPORT DUE DATE: 01 September 2017

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Darren L. Bruning

COOPERATORS: NA

WORK LOCATION: Region III

ACTIVITY 1: Identify, evaluate, and prioritize existing and emerging wildlife management issues throughout the Interior Alaska region (DWC Region III), and identify the planning and public involvement work needed to address these issues.

Accomplishments:

- Communicated with communities in the Lower Innoko/Yukon River area regarding the conservation of wood bison, including assessment of public attitude and sentiment toward the reintroduced wood bison population.

ACTIVITY 2: Design and implement collaborative planning processes to address priority wildlife management issues and increase stakeholder involvement in wildlife policy decision-making.

Accomplishments:

- Completed plans for a Fortymile Caribou Herd Harvest Management Coalition meeting. Meeting to be held in October 2017.

ACTIVITY 3: Coordinate collaborative planning efforts with advisory committees and federal and regional subsistence councils, and reports and presentations on planning projects will be made to the State Board of Game and the Federal Subsistence Board.

Accomplishments:

- Met regularly with many groups—advisory committees, advisory councils, federal and state agencies, and private groups— to present and discuss final wood bison management plan and exchange information and concerns

FEDERAL AID INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT

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ACTIVITY 4: Implement and/or monitor implementation of plans that result from collaborative planning processes.

Accomplishments:

- Monitored implementation of Fortymile Caribou Herd (FCH) Harvest Management Plan

ACTIVITY 5: Produce Power Point presentations, newsletters and other informational materials to inform members of the public and other agencies of wildlife planning activities and provide opportunities for public comment.

Accomplishments:

- Ongoing update of wood bison restoration, conservation, and management Power Point presentation.
- Deliver wood bison restoration, conservation, and management Power Point presentations at Fairbanks Outdoor Show, University of Alaska Fairbanks, and Denakkanaaga (Elders and Youths) Conference.

III. SIGNIFICANT DEVIATIONS AND/OR ADDITIONAL FEDERAL AID-FUNDED WORK NOT DESCRIBED ABOVE THAT WAS ACCOMPLISHED ON THIS PROJECT DURING THIS SEGMENT PERIOD None.

IV. PUBLICATIONS None.

V. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THIS PROJECT

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