

**Fairbanks
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McGrath	Yukon Flats

March 17th, 2024

To: Wood Bison Restoration Project

From: Fairbanks Fish & Game Advisory Committee

The Fairbanks AC is in full support of the Wood Bison Restoration Project. We would like to see reintroduction of wood bison to Alaska to ensure future survival and growth of wood bison. This would hopefully allow the number of wood bison to increase sufficiently to get them removed from the endangered species list, so future generations can enjoy the benefits of wood bison reestablished in Alaska.

We are in support of a release of wood bison in the lower Tanana Valley area near the headwaters of the Kantishna River. We would like to see a shared access to the bison for everyone. We support release on public lands and would only support a release on private lands if everyone has access to them.

We understand that others do not support the reintroduction of wood bison, but we feel that in time others may come to see the benefit of wood bison as a source of economic value and sustainable food harvest.

Sincerely,

Jeff Lucas

