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The members of the Twenty-ninth Alaska State Legislature are pleased to honor the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) and the Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center (AWCC), along with their private and public sector partners, for their outstanding contribution to wildlife conservation, especially the historic reintroduction of the majestic wood bison, North America's largest land mammal, which disappeared from our state a century ago.

In 2008, ADF&G entered into a partnership with the AWCC to restore wood bison to Alaska. ADF&G trucked 53 wood bison from Elk Island National Park, Canada, to the campus of AWCC where the Center was responsible for the captive management of the herd, including its care and husbandry breeding. The herd has since grown to over 150 animals.

In late March 2015, 100 healthy animals were returned to their native grasslands in the Innoko Valley region, marking the first time these mighty animals have roamed free since they were extirpated from Alaska over 100 years ago.

A project of this magnitude is only made successful by strong community support and, today, the Alaska Legislature thanks the men and women of the Alaska Department of Fish & Game and Alaska Wildlife Conservation Center for their resolve and hard work, along with their supporters who provided significant monetary assistance and/or in-kind services.


These sponsors include Alaska Mining and Diving, Alyeska Resort, Anchorage Soil and Water Conservation District, Bass Pro Shops, Carlile Transportation Systems, ConocoPhillips, Container Specialties of Alaska, Doug Lindstrand, Granite Construction, Greer Tank, Hunter Legacy Fund, John Deere Corporation, Lynden Inc., MSI Communications, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, National Resource Conservation Service, Rasmuson Foundation, Safari Club International, SteelFab, Teck Cominco, Ted Turner Foundation, Totem Ocean Trailer Express, UA Local 267, University of Alaska Fairbanks, U.S. Forest Service and Wells Fargo Alaska.

The members of the Twenty-ninth Legislature join with all Alaskans in saluting ADF&G and AWCC and their supporters for what has been called the greatest conservation project of the century.




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