

RESOLUTION NO. 3-2016

A Resolution Determining Buffalo/Bison Designation for Fergus County and Requiring County Commission Authorization for any translocation of, buffalo/bison – (not considered livestock) by any entity.

WHEREAS, the Fergus County Commissioners are responsible for the health, safety and well-being of our county residents, and;

WHEREAS, the County of Fergus's leading industry is Agriculture and Fergus County is dependent on a strong agriculture economy;

WHEREAS, wild buffalo/bison leaving Yellowstone Park have created numerous management problems for the State of Montana. Any future distribution of wild buffalo/bison will potentially increase the problems, and;

WHEREAS, the only protection from wild buffalo/bison to Fergus County citizens, wildlife, open space and the Montana livestock industry, will come from the Montana Department of Livestock;

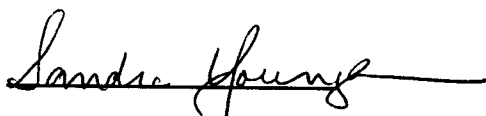
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, All buffalo/bison in Fergus County will be considered domestic livestock, regardless of origin. As domestic livestock they will be under the same rules and regulations the Montana Department of Livestock uses for all classes of livestock. Buffalo/bison will be subject to any state or local laws that regulate livestock;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we require authorization by the Fergus County Commissioners before any buffalo/bison, not considered Livestock, can be translocated in Fergus County by any entity.

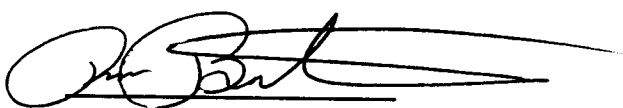
PASSED AND ADOPTED this 11th day of April, 2016

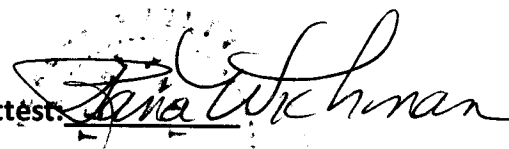
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