



THE BUFFALO: A TREATY OF COOPERATION, RENEWAL AND RESTORATION

September 29, 2016

Ms. Sally Jewel, Secretary of the Interior
Department of the Interior
1849 C Street
Washington, DC 20240

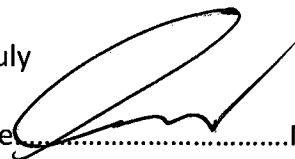
Dear Ms. Jewel

At the Second Anniversary meeting of the Signatories to the Buffalo Treaty (copy hereto attached) held in Banff, Alberta in conjunction with the American Bison Society's 2016 Conference, the signatories past the attached resolution on the Badger-Two Medicine Traditional Cultural District in the state of Montana. Please accept this letter as a humble but urgent request to act on the Badger-Two Medicine Traditional Cultural District pursuant to the resolution.


The suspension of all energy development leases and the registration of the Badger-Two Medicine in the National Register of Historic Places will have both short and long term benefits including but not limited to conservation, cultural practices, education, recreation, eco-tourism, and research.

We, the signatories, want to thank you, in advance, for your time and attention to this very important issue for not only our people but for all Americans and future generations.

Yours truly

Signature:  Name: *Chief Charles Womelhead* Nation: *BLOOD TRIBE* Date: *SEP 9 16*
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Signature:  Name: *Mark Azucena* Nation: *PIUTE* Date: *9-26-16*
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Signature:  Name: *Chief Vincent Yodanis* Nation: *Siksika* Date:
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BADGER-TWO MEDICINE RESOLUTION

Whereas

a treaty was signed by the undersigned signatories, namely "The Buffalo: A Treaty Of Cooperation, Renewal, And Restoration" in September, 2014 ('The Buffalo Treaty' from herein);

the signatories promised to welcome back the buffalo and collectively work together to provide a safe environment for the buffalo;

the signatories recognize the buffalo as a practitioner of conservation and collectively agree to perpetuate conservation by respecting the interrelationship between us and 'all our relations' including animals, plants, and mother earth; to perpetuate and continue our spiritual ceremonies, sacred societies, sacred languages, and sacred bundles as a means to embody the thoughts and beliefs of ecological balance;

the buffalo is foundational to our customs, practices, harvesting, beliefs, songs, and ceremonies;

the Blackfeet, through agreement with United States government in 1895-98, reserved hunting, fishing and other rights in the Badger-Two Medicine area and continue to retain those rights;

the Badger-Two Medicine area was leased out for energy development by the Secretary of the Interior in the early 1980's and the issuance of said leases were done without proper consultation and environmental impact studies making them legally questionable;

the Badger-Two Medicine area has been recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as a 'Traditional Cultural District';

and whereas the Badger-Two Medicine area is highly suitable for cultural, conservation research projects, and buffalo restoration;

it is hereby resolved by the signatories of the Buffalo Treaty, as witnessed by their signatures herein, to humbly but urgently request the Secretary of the Interior to suspend all energy development leases on the Badger-Two Medicine and to proceed with the listing of the Badger-Two Medicine in the National Register of Historic Places.



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BADGER-TWO MEDICINE RESOLUTION

Name *CHIEF Charles Weaselhead*

Nation.....

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date.....

Name *Mark Azucis*

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Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date.....

Name *Vincent [unclear]*

Nation.....

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Date.....

Name *Lowell Yellowhorn*

Nation *Pikani Nation*

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Date *Sept 29/16*

Name *[Handwritten Name]*

Nation *Blackfoot*

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Date *September 29, 2016*

Name *Chief Kurt Bull*

Nation *Timson Cree*

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Date *Sept 29/2016*

Name *Dean Mumpkinds*

Nation *Tsoutina Nation*

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Date *Sept. 29/16*

Name *Leonard W. Gray*

Nation *CSKT*

Signature *[Handwritten Signature]*

Date *9-29-16*



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Name Robert Magon.....

Nation Fort Peck Tribes.....

Signature Robert Magon.....

Date 9/29/2016.....

Name HANK SNOW.....

Nation Watoka Wesley.....

Signature [Handwritten Signature].....

Date 9/29/2016.....

Name Clifford Goodfellow.....

Nation Chinle Nation.....

Signature [Handwritten Signature].....

Date 9/29/2016.....

Name GEORGE MUNRO.....

Nation CREE NATION MB.....

Signature George Munro.....

Date SEPT. 29. 2016.....

Name Brian Fox.....

Nation Peepokis Cree Nation.....

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Date Sept 29/2016.....

Name Miiinipoka (Elder).....

Nation Weasel Tribe.....

Signature Peter Wauwau.....

Date Sept 29 /2016.....

Name NORBERT FOX.....

Nation Blood (elder).....

Signature Norbert Fox.....

Date Sept 29/2016.....

Name Travis Platted Har.....

Nation.....

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