

Attention Bison Ranchers and Interested Tribal Members

Notice of Bison Sale – CSKT Bison Range

The **Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (CSKT)** will conduct a **herd health capture event in September 2026** at the **CSKT Bison Range**. This event is part of our long-term herd management plan to maintain genetic diversity and keep the herd within the Range's carrying capacity.

As part of this effort, **surplus bison** (ages 1–3 years) will be **offered for sale through a sealed bid auction**. Each bison will require an **individual bid**.

The available animals include:

- 15 yearling bulls
- 15 yearling heifers
- 6 two-year-old bulls
- 4 two-year-old heifers
- 4 three-year-old heifers
- 6 three-year-old bulls

Minimum Bid Amounts

- Yearling's: \$1000.00 minimum bid each
- Two-year-old's: \$1500.00 minimum bid each
- Three-year-old's: \$1800.00 minimum bid each

A **10% deposit** is required with each bid. Deposits must be in the form of a **cashier's check or money order** (no personal checks), payable to: **Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes**

Deposits will be returned to unsuccessful bidders only. Successful bidders who decline to complete the sale will **forfeit their deposit**. Final payment from winning bidders must also be made by **cashier's check, money order, or cash**.

Please note:

- *Bid packets are available for viewing and download on our website at <https://cskt.org/natural-resources/wildlife-management/> (under the Big Game Depredation section), and can be requested to be received via email (wildlife@cskt.org).*
- No guarantees are made regarding the size or weight of animals.
 - *All bison will be visibly healthy at the time of loading. In 2026 *Mircoplasma bovis* was detected in the Bison Range herd, further testing of bison has shown it has been in the herd since at least 2004, management of this diseases is on-going.*

- **Buyers are responsible for transporting animals.**
- A veterinarian will be on site during the event. Costs for **mandatory health testing** (required for interstate transport) will be the responsibility of the buyer and added to the sale total.
- Buyers should coordinate with **state agricultural offices** for transport requirements.

Deadline for Sealed Bid Submission: All sealed bids must be submitted physically or post marked to our office by 5:30 pm on the closing date of September 10, 2026.

Public Sealed Bid Opening: Sealed bids will be opened on Monday Sept. 14, 2026 at 4:00PM MST at 406 6th Ave E, Polson MT or on Facebook Live at the CSKT Division Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/CSKTWildlife>.

Notification of Winning Bids:

High bidders will be notified **after September 15, 2026.**

To request a bid package, contact:

CSKT Wildlife Management Program: 406-883-2888

CSKT Bison Range Biologist: 406-675-2700 ext. 7012

If leaving a voicemail, **please include your name, phone number, mailing address, and ZIP code** so we can send the bid package to you.

Bison Pickup Deadline:

Purchased, live bison must be picked up **between October 5–8, 2026 (Monday–Thursday only)** unless alternate arrangements are approved in advance. Animals not picked up by the deadline may be offered to the next highest bidder.