Hunter Safety

• Bison are extremely large animals. They can move quickly and be unpredictable.

• A wounded bison may be extremely dangerous. It is important to remain aware and alert in the field under all circumstances.

• Bull bison may become curious and aggressive when another animal is wounded and down or killed. This is an instinctual response. If you shoot a bison in close proximity to other bison, use caution when approaching and conducting game retrieval.

• Give the bison some time to disperse from the carcass. You may need to haze the other bison away from the kill site, but be sure to use extreme caution as the bison may be agitated and pose a threat to your safety.

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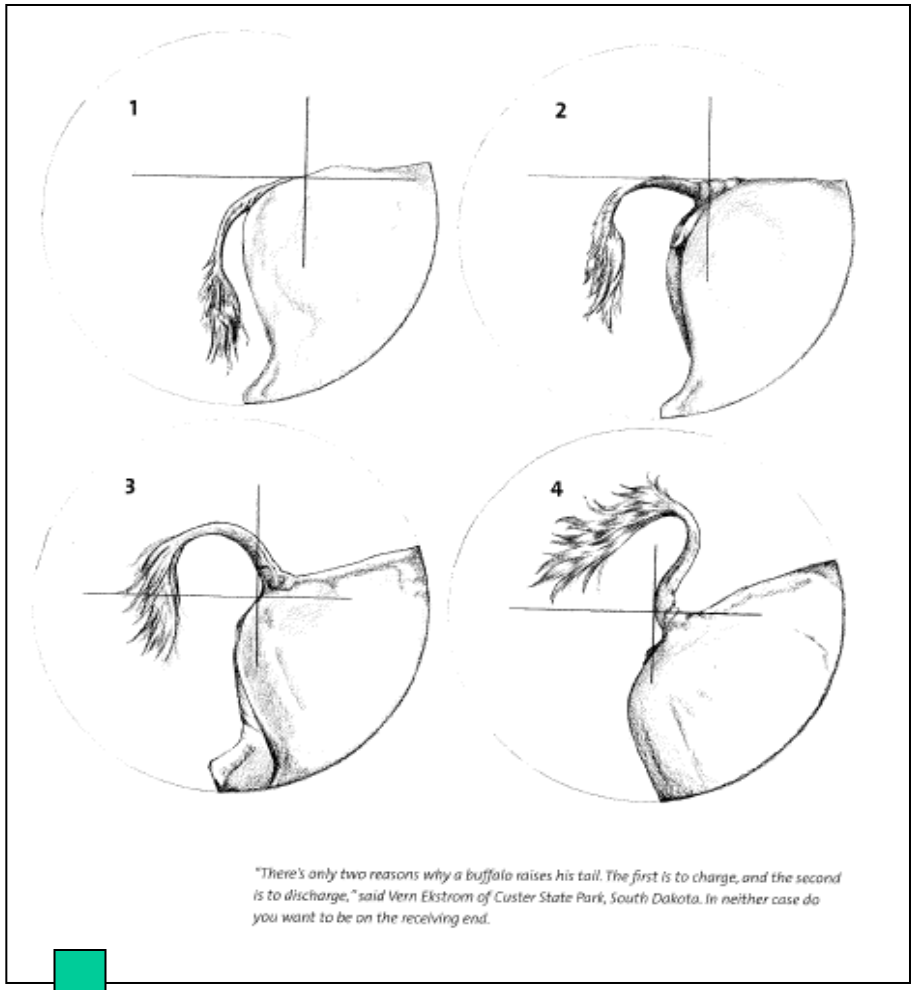

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- Position 1—standing at rest, tail usually slightly away from body
- Position 2—at horizontal; interest curiosity, perhaps another bison or you.
- Position 3—Above horizontal, increased tension often used to displaced another bison
- Position 4—Raised past vertical, something is about to happen, usually dramatic and explosive. Tip of tail flips back and forth, back is humped and rounded and head is close to ground

"There are only two reasons why a buffalo raises his tail. The first is to charge and the second is to discharge."