Hunting

If Free-Ranging Bison are Restored Would Hunting be used as a Management Tool?

The experiences of other programs have shown that hunting can be an effective management tool to control the number of bison and their distribution.

Free-ranging bison that are managed through hunting programs in other regions have posed minimal risk to human safety.



How Would Bison Respond to Hunting Pressure?

In the Yukon hunting pressure is changing the behavior of free-ranging bison by causing them to move away from places where they were commonly seen. Regional biologists feel the bison are clearly avoiding people by going to places that are difficult to reach.

Regions that maintain free-ranging populations of hunted bison report that bison become very wary of humans, resulting in an experience similar to that with other hunted big game species.

Game managers in Utah report that hunting has caused bison to become very wary of human presence with a strong tendency to flee at the sound of a stopping vehicle or the smell of approaching hikers.



