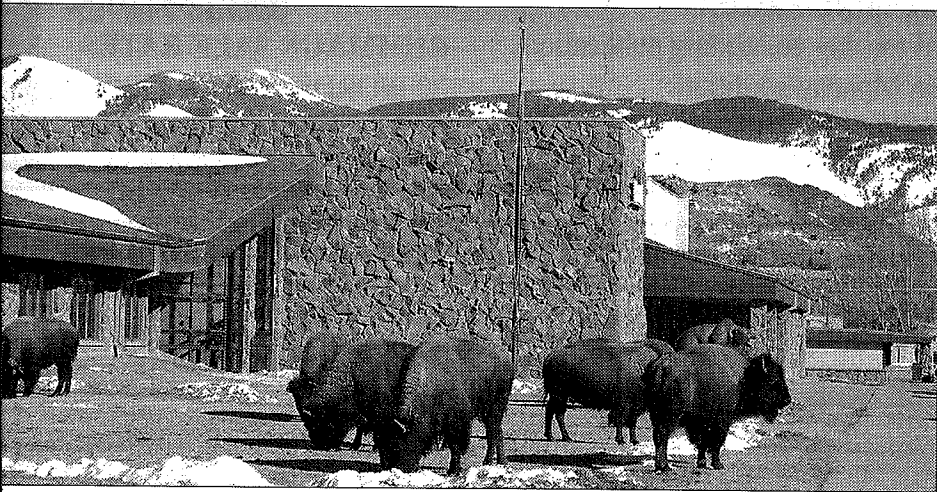


bid for bison stokes wildlife debate



AP photo

Feb. 15, 2008, file photo shows bison grazing on the front lawn of Gardiner Pub-
 pool just outside the north entrance to Yellowstone National Park in Gardiner,
 With 88 bison from Yellowstone National Park facing possible slaughter, billion-
 ed Turner has swept in and offered to hold the animals for five years on his
 ling Montana ranch while a new home for them is found.

the animals to Turner
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 bull bison out of a
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 animals that Turner
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 ades.

representatives insist
 Yellowstone animals
 re valuable for their

genetics and would be off
 limits.

Yellowstone's bison, also
 known as buffalo, repre-
 sent one the last vestiges of
 the massive herds that once
 roamed across North
 America — tens of millions
 of animals that were all but
 wiped out in the late 19th
 century.

Turner's representatives
 say his plan for the 88 park
 bison would advance a
 long-standing advocacy for
 wildlife restoration. It also
 gains him the animals'
 unique and valuable genet-
 ics.

"We don't understand the
 antipathy," said Turner
 Enterprises general man-
 ager Russell Miller.

He said Turner is inter-
 ested in the animals as a
 way to further his private
 bison conservation efforts,
 not for their market value.

"That doesn't mean there
 won't be a market some-
 where way out in the
 future," he added.

Turner's plan is expected

to be acted on by the end of
 the month by the Montana
 Department of Fish,
 Wildlife and Parks.
 Guernsey State Park in
 Wyoming has also put in a
 proposal to the agency for
 14 bison.

Montana officials were
 largely caught off guard by
 the billionaire's initial bid,

*"We don't have a real clear direction of what
 we want to do with bison. Are they going to be
 behind a fence forever, or is there a place in
 Montana where they can be free-roaming?"*

David Risley

Montana fish and wildlife director

which came at the invita-
 tion of the state's Democra-
 tic governor, Brian
 Schweitzer.

State and federal pro-
 nouncements going back to
 at least 2005 had called for
 the quarantined animals to
 be relocated onto public or
 tribal lands. Before Turner
 came along, those pro-
 nouncements included an
 explicit prohibition against
 commercialization of the
 animals.

When plans last spring to
 move them onto a Wyoming
 Indian reservation fell
 through — and the specter
 of slaughter was raised —
 the ban on commercializa-
 tion was lifted.

Neither Montana nor the
 U.S. Department of Agri-
 culture, the state's partner
 in the project, has ever
 offered to take the animals.

That's due in large part to
 a broader dispute over

whether wild bison belong
 anywhere in the state out-
 side of Yellowstone. Many
 ranchers see free-roaming
 bison as a disease risk and
 unwanted competition for
 the grass that feeds their
 cattle herds.

Meanwhile, conserva-
 tionists are sinking mil-
 lions of dollars into
 restoration efforts for the
 animal. That includes an
 attempt by the American
 Prairie Foundation to buy
 up vast swaths of land in
 eastern Montana ranches
 and create a 3 million acre
 reserve for bison and other
 wildlife.

"We don't have a real
 clear direction of what we
 want to do with bison," said
 Montana fish and wildlife
 director David Risley. "Are
 they going to be behind a
 fence forever, or is there a
 place in Montana where
 they can be free-roaming?"

Public Notice

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
 STUTSMAN COUNTY, STATE OF
 NORTH DAKOTA**
In the matter of the Estate of
GORDON G. FORESTER, deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
 undersigned have been appoint-
 ed co-personal representatives of
 the above estate. All persons hav-
 ing claims against the said de-
 ceased are required to present
 their claims within three months af-
 ter the date of the first publication
 of this notice or said claims will be
 forever barred. Claims must either
 be presented to KENTON FORESTER,
 co-personal representative of the
 estate, at P.O. Box 1420, James-
 town, ND 58401, MICHAEL FOREST-
 ER, co-personal representative of
 the estate, at 1312 Douglas Street,
 Alexandria, MN 56308, or filed with
 the Court.

DATED this 5th day of January,
 2010.
 KENTON FORESTER,
 Personal Representative
 P.O. Box 1420
 Jamestown, ND 58401
 MICHAEL FORESTER,
 Personal Representative
 1312 Douglas Street
 Alexandria, MN 56308
 Daisted & Ryan, P.C.
 208 2nd Avenue Southwest
 Post Office Box 1727
 Jamestown, North Dakota
 58402-1727
 Attorney for Co-Personal Represen-
 tatives
 First publication on the 5th day of
 January, 2010.
 January 11, 18, 25, 2010

**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF NORTH
 DAKOTA, COUNTY OF STUTSMAN**
In the Matter of the Estate of OTIS
STEELE, Deceased.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the
 undersigned has been appointed
 personal representative of the
 above estate. All persons having
 claims against the said deceased
 are required to present their claims
 within three months after the date
 of the first publication or mailing of
 this notice.

Dated this 14th day of January,
 2010.
 Brian Steele - Co-Personal Repre-
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 Jamestown, ND 58401
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 resentative
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 Indianapolis, IN 46253,
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 OTIMAR & OTIMAR, P.C.
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 First publication on the 18th day of
 January, 2010
 January 18, 25, February 1, 2010

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
Turtle Mountain Communications/
Midcontinent Communications
Interconnection Agreement
Application
Case No. PU-10-20
NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO FILE
WRITTEN COMMENTS
January 13, 2010

On January 8, 2010, Midcontinent
 Communications filed a petition for
 approval of a facilities-based inter-
 connection agreement with Turtle
 Mountain Communications, Inc.
 The agreement sets forth rates,
 terms and conditions under which
 Turtle Mountain Communications
 will provide to Midcontinent Com-
 munications, wholesale resale of
 telecommunications services, fa-
 cilities-based interconnection, ex-
 change of traffic, number
 portability, and other customary
 arrangements for the Rolla and Ro-
 lette exchanges.

This agreement was filed under
 Section 252(e) of the Telecommu-
 nications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act
 requires that any agreement
 adopted by negotiation or arbitra-
 tion be submitted for approval to
 the Commission. Under 47 U.S.C. §
 252(e)(2)(A), the Commission may
 only reject an agreement adopted

cessity.
 In addition, under 47 U.S.C. Section
 253 the Commission may include in
 its review state requirements that
 do not constitute barriers to entry.
 The Commission will receive written
 comments on this agreement until
 February 26, 2010.
 For more information contact the
 Public Service Commission, State
 Capitol, Bismarck, North Dakota
 58505, 701-328-2400; or Relay North
 Dakota 1-800-366-6888 TTY. If you
 require any auxiliary aids or serv-
 ices, such as readers, signers, or
 Braille materials please notify Dar-
 rell Nitschke, Executive Secretary.
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
 Tony Clark, Commissioner
 Kevin Cramer/Chairman
 Brian P. Kalk, Commissioner
 January 18, 2010

PUBLIC NOTICES

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 informing citizens of government
 activities that may affect the
 citizens' everyday lives.
 Public notices have been printed
 in local newspapers, the trusted
 sources for community information,
 for more than 200 years.

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 post public notices that are
 printed in newspapers on
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 at no additional charge to
 units of government.

HEARING NEWS...

• 65% of people
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 are below
 retirement age.
 • 29% of people
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N.D. Guard airmen returning home

FARGO (AP) — Three
 North Dakota National
 Guard airmen are return-
 ing home from Iraq.

The members of the
 119th Wing are to fly into
 Fargo shortly before noon.

Master Sgt. Kip Terry of
 Fargo and Staff Sgt. Mark

re-evaluated his position
 after people in the commu-
 nity asked him to run
 again this June.

Koeser has served as
 mayor for the last 15 years.

He said he still has the
 passion and drive to serve
 the city.