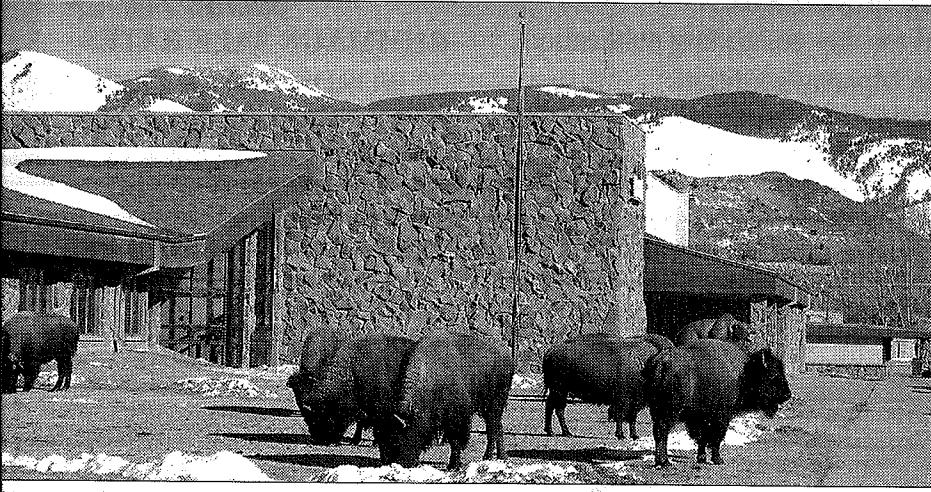


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# bid for bison stokes wildlife debate



AP photo

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

He animals to Turner wanted to "rob from public domain." He said state should put them on public land to establish new herds.

When Turner first came to Montana in 1989, his various conservation efforts in the state have alternately lauded and reviled. He's shielded more than 150,000 acres of development, but in the process put several hunting grounds off to the public.

Those who want to continue hunting on his Flying Ranch, in the Spanish foothills south of Gardiner, today must pony up \$1,000 to shoot a trophy.

For \$4,000, they can have a bull bison out of a herd of more than 1,000 of animals that Turner has been building up for decades.

Representatives insist Yellowstone animals are valuable for their

genetics and would be off limits.

Yellowstone's bison, also known as buffalo, represent one of 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 genetics.

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

He said Turner is interested 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 somewhere 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,

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Montana fish and wildlife director

which came at the invitation of the state's Democratic governor, Brian Schweitzer.

State and federal pronouncements 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 pronouncements 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 commercialization was lifted.

Neither Montana nor the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 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 outside of Yellowstone. Many ranchers see free-roaming bison as a disease risk and unwanted competition for the grass that feeds their cattle herds.

Meanwhile, conservationists are sinking millions 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.

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## 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 appointed co-personal representatives 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 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, Jamestown, ND 58401, MICHAEL FORESTER, 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.

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## N.D. Guard airmen returning home

FARGO (AP) — Three North Dakota National Guard airmen are returning 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

Dated this 14th day of January, 2010.

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### 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 interconnection agreement with Turtle Mountain Communications, Inc.

The agreement sets forth rates, terms and conditions under which Turtle Mountain Communications

will provide to Midcontinent Communications, wholesale resale of telecommunications services, facilities-based interconnection, exchange of traffic, number portability, and other customary arrangements for the Rolla and Rolette exchanges.

This agreement was filed under Section 252(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (Act). The Act requires that any agreement adopted by negotiation or arbitration 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 services, such as readers, signers, or Braille materials please notify Darrell Nitschke, Executive Secretary.

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January 18, 2010

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