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 BISON CONFERENCE**  
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**Tuesday, July 4th**

Time	Event	Location
8:00 a.m.	Coffee Reception & Registration	Big Sky Resort
11:00 a.m.	Buses Depart for 320 Ranch	Big Sky Resort
Noon	Bison Brisket Chuck Wagon Luncheon	320 Ranch
2:00 p.m.	Drone Demonstration <i>Dr. John Church, Thompson Rivers University</i>	320 Ranch
4:30 p.m.	Michael Martin Murphy Trio Concert (pending)	320 Ranch
6:00 p.m.	Trout Dinner Cookout	320 Ranch
8:00 p.m.	Buses depart for Big Sky	320 Ranch
9:00 p.m.	Fireworks	Big Sky Village

**Wednesday, July 5th**

Time	Event	Location
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Huntley Lodge
8:00 a.m.	Wednesday Keynote, - The Climate, It is a Changin' <i>James Hurrell, PhD, Director, National Center for Atmospheric Research</i>	Huntley Lodge
9:00 a.m.	Breakout Session One - Climate Shaped Today's Bison <i>David Forgac, PhD Student in Genetics, Texas A&amp;M University</i> <i>Jeff Martin, Ph.D. Student, Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department, Texas A&amp;M University</i>	
	Breakout Session Two - Cloudy Climate Forecast for Bison <i>Joseph Crane, PhD</i> <i>Danelle Peck, USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Breakout Session One - Parasites: Bison Enemy No. One <i>James Sikarskie, DVM, Michigan State University</i> <i>College of Veterinary Medicine's Wildlife Veterinarian</i> <i>Roy Lewis, DVM</i> <i>Murray Woodbury, DVM, Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences, Western College of Veterinary Medicine</i>	Huntley Lodge
	Breakout Session Two - Keep Em Alive, Keep Em Healthy <i>Pat Burrage, DVM, Bluffton Vet Services</i> <i>Fabienne Uehlinger, DVM, Western College of Veterinary Medicine</i> <i>Karen Register, DVM, USDA/ARS/National Animal Disease Center</i> <i>John Church, PhD, Thompson Rivers University</i>	
11:30 a.m.	Managing for Success in a Changing Climate <i>Daniella Howell, the Savory Institute</i>	Huntley Lodge
12:30 p.m.	Networking Luncheon	Huntley Lodge
1:30 p.m.	NBA Membership Meeting	Huntley Lodge
2:30 p.m.	NBA Board Meeting & Committee Meetings	Huntley Lodge
	Free Time	Your Choice
5:30 p.m.	Reception, Foundation Reception	Huntley Lodge
6:30 p.m.	Networking Dinner	Huntley Lodge
8:00 p.m.	Wylie & the Wild West	Huntley Lodge

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# Thursday, July 6th

Time	Event	Location
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Huntley Lodge
8:00 a.m.	Keynote Presentation - Bison: Protein for a Changing World <i>David Hughes, PhD, Imperial College, London</i>	Huntley Lodge
9:00 a.m.	Canadian Code of Practices for Bison <i>Jeffrey Spooner, PhD, National Farm Animal Care Council, CA</i> <i>Jayson Galbraith, Alberta Agriculture &amp; Rural Development</i>	
10:00 a.m.	Break	Huntley Lodge
10:30 a.m.	Breakout Session One - Building the Brand of Bison <i>Kirk Blanchard, Director of Operations, Epic Provisions</i> <i>Diana Rodgers, RN, Sustainable Dish Blog</i>	Huntley Lodge
	Breakout Session Two - Bison Goes Global <i>Elizabeth Riley, USDA Foreign Agriculture Service</i> <i>Damen Wells, Australian Bison Association</i>	Huntley Lodge
Noon	Networking Luncheon	
2:00 p.m.	Bison Film Festival - Huntley Lodge Theater	Huntley Lodge
	Poster Presentations	Huntley Lodge
5:30 p.m.	Social Hour - Sponsored by Montana Bison Association	Huntley Lodge
6:30 p.m.	Conference Banquet	Huntley Lodge
8:00 p.m.	Benefit Auction	Huntley Lodge
8:30 p.m.	<i>Leo Downey Jr.</i>	Huntley Lodge

# Friday, July 7th

Time	Event	Location
7:00 a.m.	Breakfast	Huntley Lodge
7:45 a.m.	Buses Depart for Flying D Ranch	Huntley Lodge
9:15 a.m.	Welcome to the Flying D <i>Danny Johnson, Ranch Manager</i>	Flying D
9:45 a.m.	Consumers: Our Partners in Bison Restoration <i>Laurie Demeritt, CEO, The Hartman Group Research Firm</i>	Flying D
10:45 a.m.	The Next Generation of Bison Restoration <i>Sarah Wentzel-Fischer, Quivera Coalition/National Young Farmers</i> <i>Wyatt Fraas, Center for Rural Affairs</i> <i>Dennis Jorgensen, World Wildlife Fund (invited)</i>	Flying D
11:45 a.m.	Bison One Million - Game On <i>Mike Duncan/Dave Carter - NBA</i> <i>Mark Silzer/Terry Kremeniuk, CBA</i> <i>Jim Stone/Mike Fairh ITBC</i> <i>John Calvelli/Keith Aune - WCS</i>	Flying D
12:30 p.m.	Closing Luncheon	Flying D
2:00 p.m.	Board buses for: <i>Tour of Flying D Ranch, or</i> <i>Return to Big Sky</i>	Flying D

# Saturday, July 8th

Optional tour of Yellowstone National Park