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JULY 2017

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Tuesday, July 4th

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
	<i>Keith Aune, Wildlife Conservation Society</i>	
4:30 p.m.	Michael Martin Murphy Trio Concert	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

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 - The Past and Present of Yellowstone Bison -- <i>David Forgacs, PhD student in Genetics, Texas A&M University</i> Climate Shaped Today's Bison -- <i>Jeff Martin, Ph.D. student, Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Department, Texas A&M University</i>	
	Breakout Session Two - Keep 'Em Alive, Keep 'Em Healthy <i>Pat Burrage, DVM, Bluffton Vet Services</i> <i>Tasha Epp, 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>	
10:15 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, Roy Lewis Vet Service</i> <i>Murray Woodbury, DVM, Department of Large Animal Clinical Sciences, Western College of Veterinary Medicine</i>	Huntley Lodge
	Breakout Session Two - Cloudy Climate Forecast for Bison <i>Joseph Craine, PhD</i> <i>Danelle Peck, USDA Northern Plains Climate Hub</i>	
11:30 a.m.	Managing for Success in a Changing Climate <i>Daniela Ibarra-Howell, the Savory Institute</i>	Huntley Lodge
12:30 p.m.	Luncheon Special Announcement: The New Goal for Bison Restoration National Bison Assn. / Canadian Bison Assn. Inter Tribal Buffalo Council Wildlife Conservation Society	Huntley Lodge
1:30 p.m.	NBA Membership Meeting	Huntley Lodge
2:30 p.m.	NBA Board Meeting & Committee Meetings Free Time	Huntley Lodge Your Choice

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5:30 p.m. Foundation Reception
 6:30 p.m. Networking Dinner
 8:00 p.m. Wylie & the Wild West

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Thursday, July 6th

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Huntley Lodge
 8:00 a.m. Keynote Presentation - Bison in the Global Perspective Huntley Lodge
David Hughes, PhD, Imperial College, London
 9:00 a.m. Canadian Code of Practices for Bison
Jeffrey Spooner, PhD, National Farm Animal Care Council, CA
Jayson Galbraith, PhD, Alberta Agriculture & Forestry
 10:00 a.m. Break Huntley Lodge
 10:30 a.m. Breakout Session One - Building the Brand of Bison Huntley Lodge
Taylor Collins, Founder, Epic Provisions
Diana Rodgers, RD, Sustainable Dish Blog
 Breakout Session Two - Bison Goes Global Huntley Lodge
Elizabeth Riley, USDA Foreign Agriculture Service
Damen Wells, Australian Bison Association
 Noon Networking Luncheon
 2:00 p.m. Bison Film Festival - Huntley Lodge Theater Huntley Lodge
National Buffalo Museum Film
Savory Institute
Epic/Northstar Bison Film
Banff Bison Reintroduction Film
InterTribal Bison Council Film
777 Ranch Film (pending)
 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. Auction -- Yellowstone bull, Shiloh Sharps Rifle, Bison leather chair Huntley Lodge
 8:30 p.m. Leo Downey Jr. Huntley Lodge

Friday, July 7th

7:00 a.m. Breakfast Huntley Lodge
 8:00 a.m. Buses Depart for Flying D Ranch Huntley Lodge
 9:15 a.m. Welcome to the Flying D Flying D
Danny Johnson, Ranch Manager
 9:45 a.m. Consumers: Our Partners in Bison Restoration Flying D
Laurie Demeritt, CEO, The Hartman Group Research Firm
 10:45 a.m. The Next Generation of Bison Restoration Flying D
Sarah Wentzel-Fischer, Quivera Coalition/National Young Farmers
Wyatt Fraas, Center for Rural Affairs
Mark Tilsen, Native American Foods (invited)
 11:45 a.m. Building the Herd - Game On Flying D
 12:00 p.m. Closing Luncheon Flying D
 2:00 p.m. Board buses for: Flying D
Tour of Flying D Ranch or Return to Big Sky

Saturday, July 8th

Optional tour of Yellowstone National Park

Log on to www.IBC2017.com for details on a full-day tour with a special insiders' look at bison management in the park.