PART 1:

TRIBAL BISON LISTENING SESSION: FEDERAL FINANCIAL & TECHNICAL RESOURCES FOR TRIBAL BISON HERD & PROCESSING

June 1; 1-4pmET; Virtual

AGENDA

- Introduction by Moderator
 - Heather Dawn Thompson, Department of Agriculture (USDA), Director, Office of Tribal Relations
- Welcome Remarks: Bryan Newland, Department of the Interior (DOI), Acting Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs
- Tribal Leader Welcome: Intertribal Buffalo Council (ITBC) Tribal Leader Welcome
- Financial Resources for Creating and Maintaining Tribal Bison Herds (USDA -Farm Service Agency)
 - o Zach Ducheneaux, Administrator
- Conservation Resources and Rangeland Monitoring (USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service)
 - o Eric McTaggart, National Conservation Planning Lead, Conservation Planning Branch
- Financial Resources for Mobile Processing Plants Resources (USDA Rural Development)
 - o Dr. Karama Neal, Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service
 - o Mark Brodziski, Deputy Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service
 - Andy Jermolowicz, Director, Business Development Division, Rural Business-Cooperative Service
- Inspection at Meat Processing Facilities (USDA Food Safety Inspection Service)
 - o Paul Kiecker, Administrator
 - o Dr. Jeffrey Legg, Front Line Supervisor
 - o Robert Witte, Senior Staff Officer, Office of Policy and Program Development
- Closing Remarks and Action Items