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Position: Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) Research Specialist

Classification: Professional-Exempt. Grant-funded position (not to exceed 14 months)

Department: Project Director

POSITION DESCRIPTION:

The TEK Research Specialist will work closely with the ITBC Project Director, Tribal Knowledge holders, USFWS and Tribal Colleges and Universities. The TEK Research Specialist will work to develop a Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) report for buffalo with the shared knowledge of Native Nations that may help inform the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) in the Yellowstone Bison Species Status Assessment (SSA).

A. PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

- To complete a TEK report for buffalo for the Yellowstone Bison SSA which includes but is not limited to:
 - Conduct interviews with Tribal members on their connections to the buffalo
 - Buffalo habitat preference and movement
 - Changes in buffalo population size, age, sex ratios, and herd sizes, as well as age distribution
 - Buffalo foraging behavior
 - The effect buffalo have on the landscape and ecosystem
 - Historical and emerging threats to buffalo and their habitat
 - For Tribes that have received buffalo from the Bison Conservation Transfer Program, we would like to obtain knowledge of:
 - i. How buffalo behave after transfer
 - ii. Differences between buffalo from the transfer program and non-transfer program buffalo
- To develop a “one-pager” based on the report with summary information that will be made available to the general public.

B. EDUCATIONAL AND SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:

Must possess a bachelor's degree and/or experience in Public Relations/Journalism

Possess knowledge in working with Tribes and Tribal peoples

Have experience in writing one-page position papers

Have project management skills and excellent organizational skills
Able to use Microsoft Office Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint.

C. WORKING CONDITIONS:

Hybrid
Travel Required

D. SUPERVISION:

Reports directly to the Project Director

E. SALARY:

Exempt position.

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Please send a resume, cover letter, and three references to:

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