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Dear Friend of Land Between the Lakes:

Subject: Land Between the Lakes Bison Auction

A public auction to reduce the size of Land Between the Lakes' bison herds will be held on Saturday, January 28, 2017. The sale begins at 9 a.m. Central Standard Time at the Elk and Bison Prairie corral. Bidder registration, final sale list, and viewing begin at 8 a.m. Purchases of the bison may be made with cash, credit card or personal check at time of bid acceptance.

The Elk and Bison Prairie corral is located on the east side of the Woodlands Trace National Scenic Byway (KY453) just north of Highway 68 (0.8 mile). (GPS coordinates: **N 36 47' 26.7"**, **W 88 03' 57.6"**), **Golden Pond, Kentucky, 42211.**

The Forest Service has scheduled approximately 49 bison to be sold individually to include:

- 6 cows born between 1997 and 2005
- 1 cow born 2013
- 1 mature breeding bull born 2003
- 1 large young bull born 2014
- 7 yearling heifers born in 2015
- 11 yearling bulls
- a mix of 22 bull and heifer calves born in 2016

All animals will be tested for brucellosis and tuberculosis by a licensed veterinarian before the auction. Preliminary details regarding the age, sex, and weights of all animals to be sold will be available after Wednesday, January 25, 2017 with the final list available at 8 a.m. on the day of the sale. For a preliminary list, call Curtis Fowler at 270-924-2061 or email cfowler@fs.fed.us.

An on-site veterinarian will issue Certificates of Veterinary Inspection as required for interstate transport immediately after the auction. Import permits will be on hand for the states of Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Alabama, and North Carolina. Know the import regulations of your state **before** you buy. If you need a different state import permit than listed here, notify our offices at 270-924-2061 on or before Monday, January 23, 2017 for it to be available at time of sale.

Some states have specific requirements as to age and vaccinations. Know what vaccinations are required for your state.



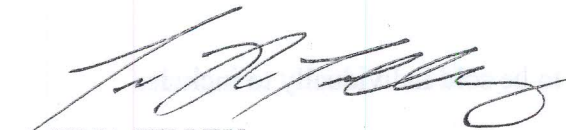
Because of bison size and temperament, we require closed-topped trailers or vehicles for transportation. Once the bison step off the loading chute and into a buyer's trailer, the animal becomes the property and responsibility of the buyer. Bison must be loaded by the buyers immediately following the auction. For an additional fee of \$20 per animal, arrangements can be made at time of payment to load bison on Monday, January 30, between 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. only.

Additional services may be purchased from the on-site veterinarian by cash or check to include vaccinations at time of bid acceptance.

We manage two herds of American Bison at Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area. All bison bloodlines originated from three sources – in 1969 from the Theodore Roosevelt National Park in North Dakota, in 1988 and 2012 from Fort Niobrara National Wildlife refuge in Nebraska, and in 1996 from Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota.

For questions, contact Curtis Fowler in our Environmental Stewardship Department at 270-924-2061.

Sincerely,



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