## Appendix A

## I. COMMON HUNT PROTOCOLS

- 1. The Parties adopt the following common bison hunt protocols for Beattie Gulch:
  - a. No more than 25 tribal hunters may hunt Beattie Gulch at any one time. These 25 hunt slots are to be equitably distributed between each of the Parties with permitted hunters present in Beattie Gulch.
  - b. Each Party will have a "Lead Hunter" anytime it has permitted hunters in Beattie Gulch.
  - c. For each day that there are permitted hunters from more than one Party in Beattie Gulch, two tribal law enforcement officers (from different Parties) will remain in Beattie Gulch and act as "LEO Hunt Coordinators."
- 2. The Parties assign the following responsibilities:
  - a. Lead Hunters will be responsible for:
    - i. Ensuring her or his Party's permitted hunters follow the hunt protocols and common safety regulations listed below:
      - 1. Determine, prior to shooting, a safe approach strategy and shooting direction. Avoid crossfire situations.
      - 2. Coordinate with other hunters to determine a safe, orderly, and fair order of fire and harvest to minimize herd disturbance, stampeding, wounding loss, and hunter conflict, taking into account changing conditions on the ground.
      - 3. Prioritize head shots.
      - 4. Stay clear of active shooting areas until all shooting is complete.
      - 5. Use harvest, when possible, to direct herd movement away from the Yellowstone National Park ("Park") boundary, or other closed area, and to discourage the herd from returning to the Park.
        - a. Refrain from shooting until all members of a herd have cleared the Park boundary and first target the herd member(s) closest to the Park boundary.
    - ii. Communicating with the other Parties' Lead Hunters in order to coordinate hunt activities.
    - iii. Liaising with the LEO Hunt Coordinators in Beattie Gulch
    - iv. Notifying a LEO Hunt Coordinator of the identity of any new Lead Hunter.
  - b. LEO Hunt Coordinators will be responsible for:
    - i. Holding a daily pre-hunt coordination meeting with law enforcement officers in Beattie Gulch to share each Party's hunt roster and coordinate activities.

- ii. Liaising with all Lead Hunters to ensure a safe hunt.
- iii. Fairly allocating remaining hunt slots each day among the Parties represented in Beattie Gulch.
- iv. Disseminating hunt information over the radio to law enforcement officers in the area.
- v. Opening and closing the U.S. Forest Service gate on the Beattie Gulch Road.
  - 1. LEO Hunt Coordinators will not open the gate until all shooting has ceased and will only allow permitted hunters and their assistants access.
- c. Permitted hunters and their assistants are responsible for:
  - i. Adhering to the direction of their respective Lead Hunters and all law enforcement officers in Beattie Gulch (regardless of tribal/government affiliation).
  - ii. Refraining from processing an animal until all shooting in the general vicinity has ceased.
    - 1. Hunters will be sensitive to the need to quickly process downed animals.
    - 2. Hunt assistants will stay off hunting grounds unless actively assisting with processing a bison.

## II. COMMON SAFETY PROVISIONS AND REGULATIONS

The Parties shall prioritize enforcement of the following common safety provisions and regulations:

- 1. Each Party will have law enforcement at Beattie Gulch anytime it has a permitted hunter or hunters in Beattie Gulch.
- 2. All permitted hunters will respect the orders of any law enforcement officer, regardless of tribal/government affiliation.
- 3. Hunting is only allowed one half hour before sunrise until one half hour after sunset.
- 4. Hunting is not allowed in any area closed to hunting or shooting by a hunter's respective tribe or by lawful action of the U.S. Forest Service.
- 5. Shooting from a motor vehicle is not allowed.
- 6. Shooting along or across any public road is not allowed.
- 7. Shooting or aiming a firearm toward another person, or in a manner that endangers a person's safety, is not allowed.
- 8. All permitted hunters will use a 150 grain bullets or higher.