



Trilateral Species of Concern
ITBC Presentation 5/19/16



Inter Tribal Bison Cooperative



- Formed in 1992 an off shoot of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society.
- ITBC started as a 501 c 3 non-profit Native American organization dedicated to restoring buffalo to Tribal lands in a manner which promotes cultural enhancement, spiritual revitalization, ecological restoration and economic development while remaining compatible with Tribes' traditional beliefs and practices

ITBC cont.

- Buffalo experienced a resurgence with the help of the Inter Tribal Bison Cooperative (ITBC)
- Since ITBC's inception in 1992, ITBC has provided stewardship to over 15,000 buffalo on 1,000,000 acres of Tribal land and has seen its membership increase to its current 63 tribes spanning 19 states.





Inter Tribal Buffalo Council

- In 2009 ITBC underwent several changes.
 - The organization become a federally chartered Indian Organization under Section 17 of the Indian Reorganization Act
 - The organization changed it's name to the Inter Tribal Buffalo Council
 - The Mission Statement
 - “To Restore Bison to Indian nations in a manner that is compatible with their spiritual and cultural beliefs and practices.”



ITBC's Mission

- Restore buffalo to tribal lands for cultural purposes.
 - Maintain as wildlife
 - Managed Wildlife
 - Incorporate into daily lives
 - Diets, Economies, Religions
 - Evolve historic buffalo culture to address modern issues
 - Social Structure, Roles



Obstacles to Efforts

- Land Ownership/Management
 - Fractionated land ownership
 - Multiple Jurisdictions
- Buffalo Classifications
 - Livestock Classification
- Conservation Definitions
 - Removal of Human Usage



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