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**MONTANA VOTERS (N=400)**  
**February 23-24, 2011**

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Hello, this is (FIRST AND LAST NAME). We are conducting a survey among voters regarding wildlife and natural resource issues in your part of the state and would like to include your views in our study. I assure you we are only seeking your views and there will be no attempt to sell you anything or solicit a donation.

Could I please speak to a member of the house who is registered to vote?

*As you may know, wild populations of bison used to roam throughout all of eastern Montana but now wild populations occur only in and around Yellowstone National Park.*

In your opinion, is it possible for Montana to manage wild bison in the same way that other wildlife species are managed in the state, such as elk and deer, or not?

yes 63%  
don't know 10%  
no 27%

Would you favor or oppose the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks investigating possible locations in Montana where wild bison populations could be restored? IF FAVOR/OPPOSE: Do you feel strongly about that?

strongly favor 40%  
favor 31%  
**Total favor 70%**  
don't know 6%  
**Total oppose 24%**  
oppose 5%  
strongly oppose 18%

Would you favor or oppose allowing hunters to hunt wild bison populations in Montana the same way they hunt other species like deer and elk? IF FAVOR/OPPOSE: Do you feel strongly about that?

strongly favor 42%  
Favor 28%  
**Total favor 70%**  
don't know 7%  
**Total oppose 23%**  
Oppose 8%  
strongly oppose 15%

*The Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks is considering establishing a bison population within a 26,000 acre state-owned wildlife management area near Deer Lodge, in western Montana.*

Do you support or oppose the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks establishing a bison population within a 26,000 acre, state-owned wildlife management area? IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Is that strongly support/oppose or somewhat support/oppose?

strongly support 42%  
somewhat support 30%  
**Total support 72%**  
don't know 7%  
**Total oppose 22%**  
somewhat oppose 6%  
strongly oppose 16%

*As you may know, the Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge in north-central Montana is a 1.1 million acre wildlife refuge, commonly known as the "CMR." The CMR is managed by the federal U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, in cooperation with the State of Montana.*

Would you support or oppose restoration of a wild bison population in and around the CMR in north-central Montana? IF SUPPORT/OPPOSE: Is that strongly support/oppose or somewhat support/oppose?

strongly support 40%  
somewhat support 30%  
**Total support 70%**  
don't know 5%  
**Total oppose 25%**  
somewhat oppose 6%  
strongly oppose 19%

If a wild bison population is established in and around the CMR, would you favor or oppose allowing hunters to hunt these bison? IF FAVOR/OPPOSE: Do you feel strongly about that?

strongly favor hunting 47%  
favor hunting 28%  
**Total favor hunting 75%**  
don't know 4%  
**Total oppose hunting 20%**  
oppose hunting 8%  
strongly oppose hunting 12%

Which one of the following best describes your political outlook?

very Conservative 21%  
somewhat Conservative 23%  
**Total Conservative 44%**  
Moderate 27%  
**Total Liberal 24%**  
somewhat Liberal 18%  
very Liberal 6%  
don't know 5%

When it comes to politics, which of the following best describes how you usually vote?

mostly or only for Republicans 30%  
a few more Republicans than Democrats 14%  
**Total Republicans 44%**  
Independent/the person 16%  
**Total Democrats 36%**  
a few more Democrats than Republicans 10%  
mostly or only for Democrats 26%  
don't know 4%