

BISON RANGE CASE PLAINTIFFS

Partial List

David Wiseman of Morrison, Colorado was the Refuge Manager for the National Bison Range Complex (NBRC) from 1995 to 2004. In that capacity, he took part in the negotiations for the first (2005) Annual Funding Agreement (AFA) with the CSKT Tribe. Between 1977 and 1995, he served as Refuge Manager for nine other National Wildlife Refuges and two Wetland Management Districts. After leaving the Bison Range, from 2004 to 2007, he was the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Region 6 Supervisor for National Wildlife Refuge System units located in the states of Colorado, Kansas and Nebraska;

Jon Malcolm of Cheney, Wyoming was the Refuge Manager for the NBRC from 1981 until his retirement in 1994. Since his retirement, he has followed developments at the NBRC, and has been active in matters concerning the NBRC as a private citizen.

Marvin R. Kaschke of Polson, Montana, was the Refuge Manager of the NBRC from 1968 to 1977. He retired from a 30 year career in the Fish and Wildlife Service in 1988. His service included positions at several Wildlife Refuges in Nebraska, Montana, and Oregon.

Joseph P. Mazzoni of Rancho Murieta, California, was the Refuge Manager of the NBRC from 1965 to 1968. He retired from the Fish and Wildlife Service after 40 years of service, including positions with responsibilities for National Wildlife Refuge administration in the Regional Offices of Regions 1, 2 and 7. He is currently a Regional Representative of the National Wildlife Refuge Association.

Marvin L. Plenert of Oregon City, Oregon, was the Fish and Wildlife Service Assistant Director for the National Wildlife System (Refuge Chief) from 1986 to 1988. He was Deputy Assistant Regional Director of the National Wildlife Refuge System for Region 6, which includes the NBRC, for ten years, from 1977 to 1986. He was also the Regional Director for Region 1 from 1989 to 1994 and the Regional Supervisor for Alaska Refuges from 1973 to 1976. His earlier career positions included responsibility for identifying lands acquired for the Waterfowl Production Areas now part of the NBRC. Mr. Plenert retired in 1994 after 33 years with the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Nathaniel Pryor Reed of Hobe Sound, Florida, was nominated to serve as Assistant Secretary of Interior for Fish, Wildlife and National Parks by President Richard Nixon and reappointed by President Gerald Ford. He served in this position from May 1971 until January 1977. His responsibilities included oversight of the activities of the agency that is now titled the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, whose responsibilities include management of millions of acres of National Wildlife Refuges such as the National Bison Range. Mr. Reed spent a great deal of time reorganizing the agencies that reported to him, in particular the Refuge System.

Robert C. Fields of Beaverton Oregon retired after 37 years in National Wildlife Refuge management. His last position was as Refuge Supervisor for all California and Nevada refuges. He was stationed at the NBRC from 1962 to 1963 as a Manager Trainee. He is past President of the Board of Directors and a Board member of the National Wildlife Refuge Association.

Florence M. La Riviere of Palo Alto, California, has been a citizen activist on National Wildlife Refuge issues since 1967, when she began to participate in a citizen's group seeking to ensure the survival of the diminishing wetlands of San Francisco Bay by establishing a National Wildlife Refuge. In 1972, a San Francisco Bay National Wildlife Refuge was established. Today, she is the chair of a group called Citizens Committee to Complete the Refuge (CCCR), which works to acquire all remaining wetlands on South San Francisco Bay for placement in the Refuge, now named in honor of Congressman Don Edwards. CCCR is also involved in other issues concerning National Wildlife Refuges, including the AFAs for the National Bison Range. On behalf of CCCR, Ms. LaRiviere has submitted multiple requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) relevant to the AFAs at the NBRC, and has participated in education and advocacy concerning the Bison Range AFAs and the possible precedent they could set for the National Wildlife Refuge System in general.

Delbert Dee "Skip" Palmer of Charlo, Montana, has been employed in the maintenance department of the NBRC for 16 years. His duties include grading roads, constructing buildings, and working directly with the bison, for example, by moving them to different areas of the range. Mr. Palmer lives on and manages a farm eight miles from the NBRC which has been in his family for five generations. He stayed at the NBRC for the 18 month duration of the 2005 AFA, and was one of seven employees who filed a grievance against the FWS alleging a hostile work environment. Under the current AFA, Mr. Palmer was given a choice of accepting an assignment to the CSKT at the NBRC under an agreement under the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) or accepting a reassignment to another position in the FWS away from the NBRC. Mr. Palmer did not want to leave the NBRC, and could not relocate due to his family farm. However, he could not accept the IPA agreement that was offered to him because it ceded his rights as an individual and as a federal employee. Because he was given no valid alternative, Mr. Palmer chose the reassignment option, effective January 1, 2009. Mr. Palmer will be stationed at the Lee Metcalfe Refuge, 70 miles from his home, and will be travelling to various other refuges to perform maintenance and fire crew duties.

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