

**NATIONAL BISON RANGE COMPLEX COMPREHENSIVE  
CONSERVATION PLANNING<sup>TWS</sup>**

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The National Bison Range Complex of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is comprised of the National Bison Range, Swan River National Wildlife Refuge (NWR), Ninepipe NWR, Pablo NWR, and the Northwest Montana Wetland Management District. The Complex is currently engaged in developing a comprehensive conservation plan for all units of the complex in addition to a decision document for acquisition for Lost Trail NWR. The who, what, where, when, and why of this public and internal planning process is presented. Ramifications of this process for individual stations and other National Wildlife Refuges in Montana are also discussed.