



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

Blackfeet Nation • Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe • Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon • Crow Creek Sioux Tribe • Crow Nation
Eastern Shoshone Tribe • Fort Belknap Indian Community • Hopi Tribe • Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation • Mescalero Apache Tribe
Muscogee (Creek) Nation • Navajo Nation • Northern Arapaho Tribe • Northern Cheyenne Tribe • Rosebud Sioux Tribe
San Carlos Apache Tribe • Shoshone-Bannock Tribes • Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation
Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe • Spirit Lake Nation • Spokane Tribe Standing Rock Sioux Tribe • Ute Indian Tribe
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe • Walker River Paiute Tribe

Resolution: 08-16-2026 #4

Resolution of Support for the Bison Homelands Initiative and the Bison Corridor

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Large Tribes (COLT) was formally established in early April 2011, and is comprised of Tribes with large land base, including the Blackfeet Nation, Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe, Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon, Crow Creek Sioux Tribe, Crow Nation, Eastern Shoshone Tribe, Fort Belknap Indian Community, Hopi Tribe, Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation, Mescalero Apache Tribe, Muscogee (Creek) Nation, Navajo Nation, Northern Arapaho Tribe, Northern Cheyenne Tribe, Rosebud Sioux Tribe, San Carlos Apache Tribe, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation, Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe, Spirit Lake Nation, Spokane Tribe, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Walker River Paiute Tribe, and is Chaired by J. Garret Renville of the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate of the Lake Traverse Reservation, South Dakota; and

WHEREAS, COLT was organized to provide a unified advocacy base on all issues affecting tribes that govern large trust land bases and that strive to ensure the most beneficial use of those lands for tribes and individual Indian landowners; and

WHEREAS, COLT member tribes are unified to promote our sovereign rights to protect, enhance, control, utilize, and develop our respective land bases; and

WHEREAS, COLT seeks to educate the United States Congress, Executive Administration, the public and other tribes regarding the unique issues impacting tribes that govern large land bases; and

WHEREAS, COLT further advocates for legislative, regulatory, and policy reforms that impact large land base tribes; and

WHEREAS, Bison are sacred relative to many Native Nations. Providing physical sustenance, spiritual nourishment, clothing, shelter, tools, and cultural identity to Indigenous Peoples since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the relationship between these Nations and bison is rooted in the traditional way



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

Blackfeet Nation • Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe • Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon • Crow Creek Sioux Tribe • Crow Nation
Eastern Shoshone Tribe • Fort Belknap Indian Community • Hopi Tribe • Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation • Mescalero Apache Tribe
Muscogee (Creek) Nation • Navajo Nation • Northern Arapaho Tribe • Northern Cheyenne Tribe • Rosebud Sioux Tribe
San Carlos Apache Tribe • Shoshone-Bannock Tribes • Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation
Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe • Spirit Lake Nation • Spokane Tribe Standing Rock Sioux Tribe • Ute Indian Tribe
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe • Walker River Paiute Tribe

of life, and reflect values of respect, kinship, reciprocity and stewardship of all living beings;
and

WHEREAS, Bison continue to hold a significant cultural, ceremonial, educational, ecological, and economic importance for the Citizens of many Native Nations; and

WHEREAS, the near extermination of bison during the nineteenth century was carried out in part though federal policies intended to undermine the sovereignty, self-sufficiency, cultural lifeways and survival of Indigenous Peoples; and

WHEREAS, despite the federal government's attempts to eradicate bison as a means to dismantle the traditional lifeways and resistance of Native Nations, the spiritual connection between the people and bison has endured through generations; and

WHEREAS, the restoration and protection of bison herds contributes to food sovereignty, land stewardship, environmental restoration, cultural revitalization, youth education, and community wellness; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Large Tribes recognizes the importance of preserving and strengthening traditional knowledge, language, and practices connected to bison for future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition of Large Tribes finds it to be in the best interest of the Tribes to support initiatives, partnerships, policies, and programs that protect, restore, and honor bison within the Tribe's homelands and Treaty territories.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT that the Coalition of Large Tribes hereby supports the establishment, protection, and long-term stewardship of a Bison Corridor spanning the southern territories recognized under the Treaty of Fort Laramie (1868), for the purpose of restoring and reconnecting native bison populations to their traditional migratory pathways and ecological habitats; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coalition of Large Tribes hereby expresses its support for the Bison Homelands Initiative, a tribally led effort dedicated to restoring Bison to Indigenous homelands through the advancement of Tribal sovereignty, ecological restoration, cultural revitalization, food sovereignty, and intertribal collaboration across the Great Plains; and



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

Blackfeet Nation • Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe • Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon • Crow Creek Sioux Tribe • Crow Nation
Eastern Shoshone Tribe • Fort Belknap Indian Community • Hopi Tribe • Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation • Mescalero Apache Tribe
Muscogee (Creek) Nation • Navajo Nation • Northern Arapaho Tribe • Northern Cheyenne Tribe • Rosebud Sioux Tribe
San Carlos Apache Tribe • Shoshone-Bannock Tribes • Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation
Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe • Spirit Lake Nation • Spokane Tribe Standing Rock Sioux Tribe • Ute Indian Tribe
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe • Walker River Paiute Tribe

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coalition of Large Tribes recognizes the Bison Homelands Initiative as a vital partner in advancing the vision and implementation of the Bison Corridor by supporting the reconnection of fragmented prairie ecosystems, restoring native bison migration pathways, and strengthening the sacred relationship between Native Nations and bison for present and future generations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coalition of Large Tribes supports collaborative efforts through the Bison Homelands Initiative to promote Tribal stewardship of land and wildlife, expand opportunities for cultural education and youth engagement, and develop sustainable economic and conservation strategies that honor Indigenous values, Treaty rights, and the long-term health of the prairie ecosystem; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coalition of Large Tribes recognizes the Bison Corridor as an expression of Tribal sovereignty, cultural revitalization, environmental stewardship, and intergenerational responsibility to preserve the sacred relationship between Indigenous Peoples and bison; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the establishment of such a corridor shall support Tribal efforts related to food sovereignty, prairie restoration, biodiversity conservation, climate resilience, cultural education, youth engagement, and the revitalization of traditional lifeways; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coalition of Large Tribes encourages cooperation and consultation among tribal nations, federal agencies, state governments, conservation organizations, private landowners, and other partners committed to the restoration and protection of bison across the Great Plains region; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Coalition of Large Tribes supports the development of intertribal agreements, land management strategies, conservation easements, wildlife crossings, grazing agreements, and culturally informed policies necessary to facilitate the safe movement and long-term sustainability of free-ranging bison herds throughout the corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any efforts undertaken pursuant to this Resolution shall uphold and respect the inherent sovereignty, Treaty rights, cultural values, and jurisdiction of all tribal nations whose ancestral and Treaty territories are encompassed within the proposed



COALITION OF LARGE TRIBES

Blackfeet Nation • Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe • Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation
Confederated Tribes of the Warm Springs Indian Reservation of Oregon • Crow Creek Sioux Tribe • Crow Nation
Eastern Shoshone Tribe • Fort Belknap Indian Community • Hopi Tribe • Mandan, Hidatsa & Arikara Nation • Mescalero Apache Tribe
Muscogee (Creek) Nation • Navajo Nation • Northern Arapaho Tribe • Northern Cheyenne Tribe • Rosebud Sioux Tribe
San Carlos Apache Tribe • Shoshone-Bannock Tribes • Shoshone-Paiute Tribes of the Duck Valley Indian Reservation
Sisseton Wahpeton Sioux Tribe • Spirit Lake Nation • Spokane Tribe Standing Rock Sioux Tribe • Ute Indian Tribe
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe • Walker River Paiute Tribe

Tatanka Corridor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that COLT hereby authorizes all appropriate representatives to engage in planning, advocacy, partnership development, and funding opportunities in furtherance of the establishment and protection of the Tatanka Corridor throughout the southern territories of the Treaty of Fort Laramie (1868); and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be the policy of the Coalition of Large Tribes until it is withdrawn or modified by subsequent resolution.

CERTIFICATION

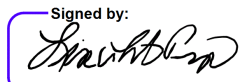
This resolution was approved at a duly-called meeting of the Coalition of Large Tribes held at the Southwestern Association for Indian Art in Santa Fe, New Mexico on August 16, 2026, at which a quorum was present, with the resolution approved unanimously.

Attest:

Signed by:

EDB3CD26B0764EE...

J. Garret Renville, Chairman, Coalition of Large Tribes

Signed by:

AB79A0D2A3544B1...

Lisa White Pipe, Secretary / Treasurer, Coalition of Large Tribes