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**Cc:** 'Arizona Sportsmen for Wildlife Conservation'; 'Jim Ammons'; 'Kurt R.Davis'; 'Ty Gray'  
**Subject:** RE: National Park Service & Grand Canyon Bison

Hi Jim, we have not yet received a response to our letter to NPS about the bison reduction program and the use of "skilled volunteers." Will let you know when we do. The interest expressed by the sportsmen community has been immensely helpful on this issue, thank you.

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Good morning Nick & Chuck.

AZSFWC received a copy of Senators McCain and Flake's October 23, 2017 letter to National Park Service (NPS) Acting Director Reynolds regarding the status of the bison on the Grand Canyon National Park.

Has Acting Director Reynolds responded to that inquiry yet?

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Just last week the Arizona Republic came out with an article that said the NPS has been overwhelmed with volunteers nationwide who want to shoot bison. It said they approved a plan last month to decrease the herd with their roundups and efforts to seek volunteers who are physically fit and proficient with a gun to kill the animals. This is contrary to the Arizona Game & Fish Commission's October 5<sup>th</sup> letters, Arizona sportsmen's concerns, and even the Senators' October 23<sup>rd</sup> inquiry.

Volunteer bison shooters overwhelm Grand Canyon <http://azc.cc/2i23Rwc>

What can Arizona sportsmen and women do to help steer this matter from the NPS's current track and get it pushed back into the Commission's preferred action plan?

Of interest, here's another article from last week where the DC Court of Appeals ruled in favor of Wyoming's Grand Teton National Park's elk hunt. While our Grand Canyon efforts aren't following the identical path, we are after a similar result!

DC Court of Appeals upholds Grand Teton elk hunt  
<http://sportingclassicsdaily.com/grand-teton-elk-hunt/>

Thanks for the followup!

Jim

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