

Project Update: October 2011

Preliminary analysis of the survey data, using desktopGARPv1.1.6 and MAXENTv.3.3.0, show that the Janos area in Chihuahua has adequate habitat for the reintroduction of bison. This information supported the "Action Plan for the Conservation of Species: *Bison bison*" in the translocation of 23 bison to "Reserva Ecológica El Uno", a nature preserve in Janos, owned and managed by The Nature Conservancy. This herd is original form Wind Cave Natural Park, in South Dakota, USA, and is intended as a reproductive herd that will provide individuals for reintroduction to other sites.

The results from 24 open interviews (to private ranchers, communal land owners, and intensive farmers) in the Janos region show that bison were common from the 1950s-80s, and that they can still be seen next to the border (the Janos-Hidalgo herd). People from the communities consider them part of the wildlife in the area.



