

Bison Fencing Program

The intent of this program is to provide a perimeter fencing program to protect crops and livestock from bison damage. The program is available to Cooperators with the Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District. A scoring matrix will be used to prioritize applications in the event applications exceed the amount of authorized funding.

Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District will cost share 50% of the cost of materials and installation, not to exceed \$1.25 per linear foot, for a perimeter fence around the farm. Payment will be made after completion of the fence and gated access to specification.

By signing below, the participant agrees to the following minimum requirements:

1. Submit the fence and gate design, including a map or drawing showing the area encompassed and gate location, to the District for approval **before** construction. **Applicant must participate in a District-sponsored construction/maintenance workshop.**
2. Bison fence would be installed per best management standards, using at a minimum, 4' high tensile net wire. Completed fence should be at least 5 feet high and in no place exceed 20 inches off the ground.
3. Landowner is responsible for verifying true property lines and may be required to provide proof of ownership to the District before fencing begins.
4. Landowner agrees to maintain fence for bison exclusion for 20 years, including brush removal or control. Periodic inspection may be made by the District to insure the integrity of the fence. Deficiencies must be corrected by the landowner. In the event of a change in ownership, the new owner must be willing to assume the maintenance of the fence for the duration of the term.
5. Cost share is taxable, so a 1099 will be issued to participants.
6. Eligible land will be land on which crops or livestock are being raised.
7. Fences installed previous to the implementation of the cost-share program would not be reimbursed for fencing costs.
8. The District will work with the farmer to determine a reasonable fence design. **Final eligibility will be determined by the Salcha-Delta Soil and Water Conservation District Board of Supervisors.**

I, _____, agree to comply with the above provisions for fence construction.
(print name)

Signed: _____ (Landowner)

Date: _____