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1	<b>Red Mountain Open Space Bison Pasture</b>		
2	<b>Pros</b>	<b>Cons</b>	<b>Management Solutions/Possible Outcomes</b>
3	Partner in big picture conservation goal to restore genetically pure, disease-free bison (currently, the last large reservoir of genetically pure bison is in Yellowstone N.P. - this project would be the only of it's kind in the U.S.)	Removes between 80-500 acres from the existing 14,980-acre Red Mountain Open Space cattle grazing lease	Existing grazing lease (ends Dec 2016) allows for us to adjust the lease to accommodate other management activities.
4	Opportunity for a unique collaboration between Larimer County, City of Fort Collins, USDA, and CSU	Bison may not be highly thought of by some in the area due to issues with another local bison rancher.	Need to monitor to ensure any issues with bison trespass are dealt with appropriately. There are examples of bison having a more positive view at Terry Bison Ranch and PRPA.
5	No direct cost to Larimer County	Indirect cost is loss of grazing lease revenue, anticipated to be approximately \$100-\$300/yr.	
6	Fort Collins is paying the cost of Phase I fencing on 570 acres SPNA and ~80 acres RMOS.	If the project ends, fencing would "fence out" acreage from Red Mountain Open Space.	MOU will stipulate potential outcomes if partnership dissolves - fencing may be removed/relocated or a creative grazing situation used (such as rotating in alternate years with SPNA lessee or lease to Fort Collins, etc.)
7	Fencing will be wildlife-friendly.	If there is a need for fencing reinforcement in future, it may not be as wildlife-friendly.	Work with CPW and others to evaluate best solutions if this does become the case.
8	Current belief is that hunting can coexist with bison grazing enclosure.	Concern that an issue could arise that precludes opportunity for potential future pronghorn hunting, taking the 80-500 acres out of Red Mountain hunting acreage.	Need to educate hunters on hunt area boundaries.
9	Calves will be transferred to conservation herds where their genetics are needed for sustainability.	Some calves will be male/bulls which may be more aggressive.	Calves will be removed when young (1-year to 2-year olds) and the closest public facilities at Red Mountain OS are >5 miles away.
10	Potential for high quality public educational experiences.		
11	Larimer County will be recognized as a partner on outreach materials (signage, press, etc.) related to the project.		