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ABSTRACT

Wood bison (*Bison bison athabascae*) surveys conducted on 25 and 26 March 1983 in the Mackenzie Bison Sanctuary and environs produced a total count of 980 bison. The area surveyed had been expanded from previous surveys and the sighting of both bison and bison cratering indicated a northerly expansion of their range. A total of 83 bison were also found farther west than ever before, approximately 40 km from the Sanctuary.