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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
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YELLOWSTONE PARK, WYO.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

February 2, 1945.

See 715-01



George B. Weiksner, Chief Petty Officer,
United States Naval Reserve,
Men's Dormitory,
Boulder, Colorado.

Dear Mr. Weiksner:

We have your letter of January 26, and the letter of January 23 to you from Superintendent Nusbaum, of Mesa Verde National Park, which you enclosed, concerning your desire to secure horns and antlers of native animals for your collection.

In our buffalo reduction operations we do not always send the entire carcass to the Indian Agencies receiving the meat, but we are not authorized to dispose of any materials, such as horns, from these animals for private collections, except in unusual circumstances where special permission to secure such material may be given a collector who is in a position to make important contributions to our knowledge of faunal values in the National Parks and Monuments. The same ruling applies to elk antlers or any other materials from vertebrate animals. For this reason we regret we are unable to meet your request.

We would suggest, however, that you write to Mr. George E. Musbach, National Bison Range, Fish and Wildlife Service, Moiese, Montana, regarding this matter. We are not familiar with the restrictions placed upon the Fish and Wildlife Service in the disposal of such materials, but Mr. Musbach, we are sure, will give your request every possible consideration.

Collection of animal horns strikes us as being a very interesting hobby, and we sincerely hope you are successful in securing the bison horns and elk antlers you desire.

We are returning Superintendent Nusbaum's letter.

Sincerely yours,

Fred T. Johnston,
Acting Superintendent.

Enclosure.

cc: Supt. Nusbaum, Mesa Verde NP

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK
COLORADO

January 24, 1945.

Mr. W. S. Bellman,
321 West 13th Street,
Pueblo, Colorado.

See 715-01

Dear Mr. Bellman:

I have your letter of January 22, concerning your desire and Mr. Frank Morse's to obtain some bison horns—and perhaps a robe and a head—from the bison which were slain in the required reduction program at Colorado National Monument.

All eleven of these bison carcasses were turned over in their entirety to the Consolidated Ute Agency, Ignacio, Colorado (of which Mr. Floyd E. MacSpadden is superintendent), for utilization by the Southern Ute Indians.

Since Mr. Morse is well acquainted with Superintendent MacSpadden and me, as well as with a number of the Southern Ute Indians, I suggest that you have him communicate directly with Mr. MacSpadden reference your desire. You probably should move very promptly, as our reduction program at Colorado National Monument was effected on January 10.

Sincerely yours,

Jesse L. Nusbaum,
Superintendent.