In years past, bison have been managed in ways that are far too forceful. Typically helicopters or large trucks are used to force bison toward a desired location. This is done with the aid of permanent and unnatural fences strewn across the landscape. This excessive force is unnecessary and can cause the bison to become hostile while damaging the landscape and inhibiting other natural systems.

The Wind Cave Bison Station challenges these norms. The herd will be managed via horseback with the aid of permeable, temporary fences. This modular fence is placed in relation to existing natural systems such as topography and the existing tree line. Portions of the fence can be swung open during the round-up. This flexibility helps manage the herd while minimizing a permanent effect on the landscape.

When it is time for the herd to be brought into the station, park rangers go out onto the prairie near the station. They then move gently around the herd slowly moving toward the station. With time and patience, the herd is moved toward the direction of the station. Passing through the permeable fence, they make their way into the holding area. The fence can then be returned to its previous position. Once again, the rangers move the bison via horseback toward the station proper for vaccination, processing, etc.

### BISON ROUND-UP

**STEP 01**
Bison are herded via horseback toward the bison station.

**STEP 02**
The fence is opened in places to allow for the bison to move through.

**STEP 03**
The fence is closed to keep the bison between the station and the tree line. Subsequently, the bison can be moved via horseback once more, this time into the station for processing.