

## Bison on a winter day.

Bill, the herd bull, is central in the photo, a calf from last spring is on the right. In the photo they are just west of the log home that Shannon, Samantha and Juan built over the past two summers.

The bison have a lot of space this winter.

They can roam several paddocks where we feed them hay.

They can get down to a big, wooded pasture that the river winds through.



The bigger bison in the center is Bill, the herd bull.

Bison enforce a very strict hierarchy.

The smaller animals in the left of the photo are cows.

Only cows that have produced calves can be this close to Bill.

The calf on the right in the photo is the offspring of the cow immediately to Bill's side.

That calf can only be close to Bill if the cow is also close.

If he were to approach without his high-status Mom, he would get a horn.

Tom