

INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY

Bison Back: Bringing Our Relatives Home

Our second panel of the day will explore Indigenous-led bison restoration initiatives in the Great Plains and Rocky Mountain West, with a focus on the cultural, ecological, and community significance of bringing bison back to their ancestral landscapes. Panelists will discuss the importance of Indigenous stewardship, the challenges and opportunities of bison restoration, and how these efforts are shaping relationships between people, land, and bison. The panel will be moderated by Dr. Kelsey John (Diné), Ethnic Studies, CU Boulder.

OCTOBER 14, 2026

1:00 PM - 2:45 PM

In person, CU Boulder Campus
CBIS Room (Norlin 5th Floor)

QUESTIONS?
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Event Registration



Featured Panelists:



Elsie DuBray
(Oóhenunpa
Lakxóta/Mandan/
Hidatsa),
Buffalo First



Lucille Contreras
(Lipan Apache),
Founder and CEO,
Texas Tribal Buffalo
Project



Dr. Libby Lunstrum,
Professor of
Environmental and
Global Studies, Boise
State University



Helen Augare
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Founder and Director of
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