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INTER-TRIBAL BUFFALO COUNCIL - TAKING INFORMED ACTION

DIRECTIONS: To answer the following questions,
read text & examine photos at

<http://nmai.si.edu/nk360/plains-belonging/itbc.cshtml>



1. The Inter-tribal Buffalo Council is a leader in buffalo revitalization. Why is it important for Native Nations of the Northern Great Plains to restore buffalo?
2. What are the potential challenges of building a coalition of fifty-eight different Native Nations?
3. How would you describe the manner in which Native Americans utilized buffalo?
4. What did settlers gain from the buffalo?
5. How does the settler's use of buffalo compare with the ways in which Native Nations rely on the buffalo? [NOTE: many white hunters only used the tongue or hide, and left the rest of the buffalo to rot - wasting the animal's life.]
6. How would you describe the values reflected in these images? (Native American dancers vs. mounted trophy of white buffalo head)
7. How would you describe the mood of this photograph? [NOTE: Range technician is kneeling near buffalo in working chute where buffalo are caught & given vaccine shots, etc. and then released to pasture]
8. What inferences can you make about the relationship between range technicians and the buffalo they are reintroducing into the herd?