

**Ervin Carlson** is a member of the Blackfeet Nation in Montana. He is the Director of the Blackfeet Buffalo Program and President of the Intertribal Buffalo Council (ITBC).

He manages the existing Blackfeet buffalo herd used for cultural purposes and for food for elderly and ailing tribal members. As the manager of the Blackfeet Nation buffalo herds, Ervin is responsible for two tribal buffalo herds on the Blackfeet Nation Reservation. These small herds been under management on limited pastures for more than 20 years but cannot expand in size and scale. Ervin has long advanced the vision of buffalo ranging widely across the Blackfeet Reservation—much as they once did.

He served on the Blackfeet Tribal Business Council in 2000 – 2004. Ervin was the Agriculture Director for the Blackfeet Tribe in 1996 – 2000 and Montana – Wyoming Indian Stock Growers in 2004 – 2006.

Ervin Carlson has been the President of ITBC since 2007. As President, Ervin represents the ITBC at various functions, including the Interagency Bison Management Plan. Ervin also presides over ITBC's Membership and Board of Director meetings. Ervin is committed to growing ITBC to promote the welfare of American Indians and Native Alaskans by restoring buffalo to Indian lands.