

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

He manages the existing Blackfeet buffalo herd used for cultural purposes and for food for elderly and ailing tribal members. This small herd has 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 bison ranging widely across the Blackfeet Reservation; much as they once did. ITBC was formed in 1990 to coordinate and assist Tribal return of the buffalo to Indian country. With the support and dedication of the Native American Fish and Wildlife Society. Congress appropriated funding for tribal bison programs in June of 1991.

This action offered renewed hope that the sacred relationship between Indian people and the buffalo might not only be saved but would in time flourish. Ervin brings intimate knowledge of bison restoration both from a native perspective and as a cattle rancher.

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.