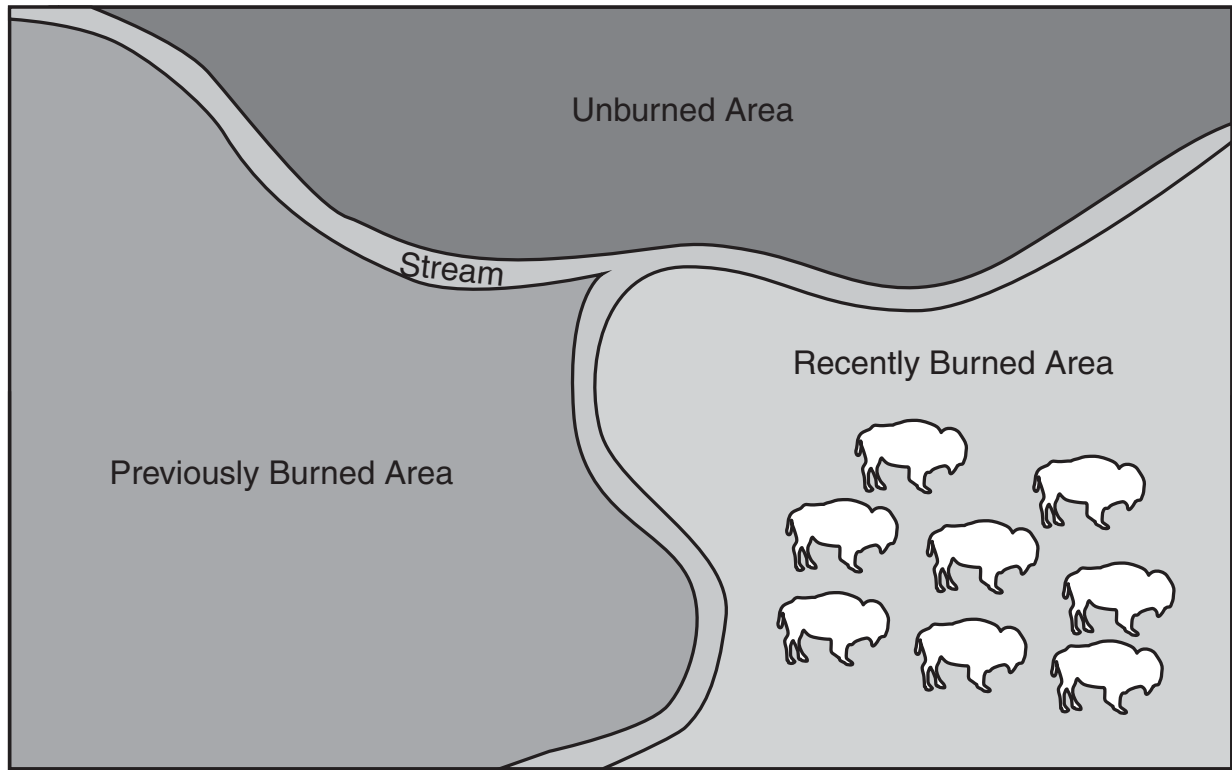


OVERVIEW OF THE PATCH-BURN METHOD

By using a patch-burn method, conservationists and farmers can reduce the risk of unintentional fires and control where grazing animals, such as bison, roam.



The unburned area is overrun with weeds and has the greatest risk of catching fire.

The previously burned area is cleared of weeds, and young trees and crops grow freely and thrive.

The recently burned area has been cleared of all plants. Bison prefer to eat the fresh grass that will begin to grow in the recently burned area, and they will generally remain in that area until newer, fresher grass is available elsewhere.