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The Role of Bison in the Ecosystem

Short Answer Key

1. Bison graze to prevent plants from overgrowing and to keep the ecosystem balanced.
2. Bison hooves dig into the soil, loosening it and helping seeds grow.
3. Bison droppings add nutrients to the soil, helping plants grow stronger.
4. When bison roll, they create small ponds that collect water for insects and birds.
5. Protecting bison habitats ensures healthy ecosystems for many plants and animals.

