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Comments: My husband Jamin and I own the Diamond R Guest Ranch in the Spotted Bear Ranger District. We have both worked in the District since 2004 and 2005. We spend the better part of year living here. From May until December every year. That being said we have a close eye on on the animals from spring until early winter. We were here for the Bear creek fire of 2015 and again this year for the Tin Soldier Complex. My husband and children spend more time in the woods than most. We have watched the ungulate populations rapidly decline year after year. We used to glass large healthy herds of bulls and cows. Watch them casually come into camp in the mornings and evenings. Every trip to town you crossed them on the road. Now they seem to be non existent. We have large mule deer mount in our lodge that seem unreal compared to the rare mule deer you may find now. This season the road grader said everyone morning there were 3-4 wold pups just laying in the road just before Riverside. They seemed to have no fear of anything. The entire South Fork Drainage has been neglected, overlooked and uncared for for the last 20-30 years. Logging has ceased, and game management does not exist. I remember when they used to give out 100 cow elk tags. Them it was 5. Two years I drew the cow tag and had successful hunt. Now I couldn't tell you the last time I saw a cow elk. We desperately need any help we can get to save and protect your wildlands and wildlife. Thank you for listening and helping. We need it. Thank you Bobbi Jo and Jamin White