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I am concerned about the quality of water in the elk feedgrounds in Dell Creek and Forest Park. The EIS states that many elk in these herds have CWD and brucellosis prevalence, but on pages 102-103, Section 3.3.2.1 Water Quality, the EIS notes that no testing for prions has been done in the waters in these feedgrounds. I think that proper testing should be done of the nearby perennial stream channels that receive snowmelt runoff in the spring in both areas. Plus, the groundwater well on Dell Creek should also be checked for insoluble prions in the water. The runoff from the feedgrounds will carry prions from elk feces to the waterways which will infect not only more elk, but possibly cattle and deer also.