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Comments: Closure of the elk feedgrounds as proposed would cause direct loss to our elk herds that far exceeds the potential risk that CWD poses. Additionally, this closure would cause the elk to disperse in search of winter range to support them causing a guaranteed impact with ranchers cattle and lands, increased potential exposure to brucellosis, and lastly direct competition with deer and antelope herds who are already at high risk after the winter of 2022-2023. Elk will out compete deer and antelope for winter range and we will see loss occur from all three species. Closing feedgrounds should not be an issue completely taken off the table, rather we should be investing resources into local winter ranges so that the landscape can support the animals prior to discontinuing the feedgrounds. Herd numbers are far too difficult to recover when there is substantial loss and we should not act in such drastic fashion without better preperation.