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Comments: Feed grounds for elk have been in place for many generations and elk have altered their migration habits and behaviors around this food source, immediate closure/removal of these feed sources will dramatically reduce the populations that use these and displace them into the adjacent areas causing more competition for the animals that are using those areas. You'll see a reduction in elk, mule deer, and other competing and dependent animals throughout western Wyoming as a result of closing feed grounds, and in conjunction a loss of recreation use, license sales revenue, wildlife tourism, and much more.

I understand the risks of disease, but a cold turkey shutdown of these facilities is not the answer. Let's put a plan in place that makes sense. We don't know enough about CWD to make wide-spread catastrophic adjustments.