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Comments: I have read research on research that has been done regarding CWD. It is a disease that has to be payed attention to and kept in the minds of every outdoor enthusiast in America. With that being said one biologist will publish papers that this disease is instant death sentence. The next published opinion states that this disease is more like cancer. While very dangerous it can be with a deer/elk for years. Some biologists believe that the disease is passed from elk to elk while the other biologists believes it is passed from grasses that have been ate on from other CWD animal.

With all the above mentioned I am concerned. But I am more concerned that people/biologist think it is acceptable to stop a program like feeding and kill off 80% of the herd that is on that feed ground. I am very concerned that this even a topic. I even more concerned that with all this donated and conservation donated money this is an option.

The feed grounds are the one guarantee option that elk will survive in a harsh area like Wyoming. The winters in western Wyoming are horrible ask these so called biologists how bad... if they can't answer the question then take a drive out to the migration corridor of the mule deer. Over 100% fawn kill in 2018 followed up by the worst mule deer kill winter of 2022. While I am on the mule deer topic have any of you seen what a mule deer/ elk winter grazing area looks like. I hope you guessed elk survival rates are ok. Mule deer rates decline to nothing. Wyoming is trying to kill off the elk to help the mule deer survive in southwest Wyoming. Now we are going to throw two more feed grounds out on the winter rangelands for competition. Please tell me you are considering this.

I feel like the thought of CWD in biologist is blind folding all the decision making. The big picture of all animals has to be considered when making a decision about removing a feed ground.

In closing I would urge everyone to consider every animal in this decision. To open there eyes to the big picture. Feeding elk in western wyoming is a success story. It is one that never is talked about. My grandpa remembers elk sanctuary in western wyoming. He can remember when people started killing elk in star valley. He will tell us grandkids how fortunate we are to hunt elk with this population.

Now to to computer models that could be wrong, we are throwing that success all away.