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Comments: There are a few major problems with shutting down elk feed grounds.

1. Land Development: One of the significant concerns associated with shutting down elk feedgrounds is the increased risk of land development. Elk feedgrounds provide a controlled and concentrated feeding area where elk can find sustenance during harsh winter months. By eliminating these feedgrounds, elk will scatter in search of food, potentially encroaching upon agricultural lands and causing significant crop damage. This, in turn, may lead to conflicts between farmers and elk, increasing the likelihood of negative repercussions for the agricultural industry.

2. Competition with Mule Deer: Another critical aspect to consider is the potential competition between elk and mule deer. Elk feedgrounds offer a reliable food source for elk during winter, preventing them from encroaching on mule deer habitats and competing for resources. If these feedgrounds are dismantled, elk might resort to invading mule deer territories in search of scarce resources, creating a detrimental impact on mule deer populations. Such competition could lead to a decline in mule deer numbers, disrupting the delicate ecological balance within the region.

If there was a legitimate reason for shutting down the feedgrounds aside from the false argument of CWD there would be more to consider. I believe this is a pursuit of political agenda from those undereducated in the wildlife sector.