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Comments: I believe that we need to keep winter elk feed grounds operating in Wyoming. While I do not have a degree in wildlife biology, or conservation, I do have the education of living in close proximity to these elk populations and the surrounding areas for the 34 years I've lived. Common sense tells me these are the order of things to happen if we close down feed grounds. The elk that travel to these feedgrounds have had it bred in to their DNA for decades to go to these places of refuge every fall to winter. They won't get the memo there won't be food. So they will congregate and by the time they realize there's no food to be had, it will be much too late for the herd to migrate elsewhere. Now you have hundreds, if not thousands, of elk in a small space in deep winter, with zero food source. You will end up with a high percentage of those elk dying in one winter. Fast forward one year, and one bad winter will not change the migration patterns. So what few elk survived the first winter will again travel to the feedground areas, and then have the same thing happen again. A decimated population. Now, people say, they used to be fine without being fed. And those people are 100% correct. But back then, there wasn't houses all across the landscape where the elk used to winter. So now we are telling them to winter without help, while also telling them they can't winter where their food is.

Might as well gun them down from helicopters, it would be a much more humane way to rid western Wyoming of an elk herd.