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Comments: As an avid in-state hunter, particularly for elk, I think that the idea of closing any feed grounds for elk is not a good idea. Besides the fact that it will eventually limit the amount of land that is leaseable from the government for cattle grazing because that land will need to be available for elk to graze, which will greatly effect the number of cattle that a given ranch can run, which in turn, will effect the very bottom line for a great deal of cattle ranchers, closing elk feed grounds will have a devastating effect on elk populations too. The feeding of elk is a practice that as far as I know, is pretty much singular to Wyoming with the kind of longevity that Wyoming has been doing it, and as is such, should be an experiment that continues, because to me, it seems to be working well for ranchers, hunters, conservationists, both the state and federal governments, etc... In other words, the feeding of elk has resulted in a great increase in the number of elk that Wyoming has, which is good for both the environment and the economy of Wyoming. I know that CWD and brucellosis are a big concern because of these communal feed grounds for the elk, but in my mind, the number of cases does not necessitate full out closures of any of the feed grounds in western Wyoming. In fact, the first cases of CWD in elk came from areas of the state that have no feed grounds whatsoever, so there must be another instigator at the base of all of this. I don't think that there is a need to have some sort of pandemic view of CWD or brucellosis as it pertains to elk populations or the chances that CWD positive or brucellosis positive elk are going to kill off entire herds of elk or cattle. All I suggest is a reserved approach, and making sweeping closures of feed grounds for elk that have been functioning effectively for a very long time is not an answer I can agree with.