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Comments: Dear USFS,

As a long time outdoorsman in the state of Wyoming, I spend countless days outside enjoying the wild landscapes and observing the wildlife. I have followed and observed elk for years and have grown to really respect and care about these animals. I believe discontinuation of feedgrounds in Wyoming will have negative impacts on the elk herds of Wyoming. Discontinuing elk feedgrounds will disperse the elk onto private lands which will increase conflicts with landowners, and it does pose the risk of higher winter mortality without supplemental food. Though CWD does pose a threat to our elk herds, this threat is not currently as great as the threat of discontinuing winter feeding. I believe the best route is to inquire what the Wyoming Game and Fish department recommends for the future of feeding elk and let the decision be in the hands of the department that manages our wildlife.

Thanks.