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Comments: I am writing to encourage the continuation of the forest permits to allow the established elk feed grounds to continue to be operated by the state. Feeding elk certainly has pros and cons but has been successfully managed for decades in this area. Given the decimation of mule deer herds last winter, forcing elk into even more direct competition with deer, will almost certainly hinder mule deer recovery in the area. While elk feeding concentrates the animals, it does allow opportunity for other management activities like brucellosis vaccination on feed grounds, for example. I say don't mess with what most of us consider success in elk management.