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Elk Population Management Efforts in Colorado

WHEREAS: Warm and dry weather has caused elk to remain at higher elevations during the hunting season making it more difficult for hunters to successfully harvest the elk; and

WHEREAS: The number of non-resident hunters drastically decreased over the last hunting cycle; and

WHEREAS: These factors have led to a 40% decrease in hunting from last year, causing the elk harvest to drop by about 40,000 animals, making it one of the lowest elk harvests in 10 years; and

WHEREAS: A good elk harvest is necessary to maintain balance in a fragile ecosystem; and

WHEREAS: The Colorado Division of Wildlife has lowered the price of non-resident cow elk licenses; and

WHEREAS: The Colorado Division of Wildlife continues to look for ways to improve the health and viability of elk populations in Colorado;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB 20 supports Division of Wildlife efforts to effectively manage the elk population in Colorado in order to maintain a healthy ecosystem in balance with the other uses of the land.

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