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SURPLUS ELK WILL BE GIVEN
AWAY BY GOVERNMENT

Surplus elk from the National Bison Range are being offered by the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture to anyone who will remove them without cost to the Government. The National Bison Range is in western Montana near the towns of Moiese and Dixon. Because the elk there have increased beyond the carrying capacity of the range, it is necessary further to reduce their numbers, even though some of the surplus animals have already been disposed of by sale.

The National Bison Range is administered primarily for the maintenance of a fair-size herd of buffalo, the original stock of which was supplied by the American Bison Society. It is the desire of the Biological Survey to make immediate reduction in the numbers of the elk so as to avoid feeding them hay during the late winter and early spring, which would otherwise be necessary, as well as to preserve as much forage as possible for the buffalo. The elk at this time are mainly valuable for exhibition purposes at zoos and for stocking game parks and farms. It is now too late in the season for the elk meat to be good.

Correspondence on the subject should be directed to Frank H. Rose, protector of the National Bison Range, Moiese, Mont. Telegrams should be addressed to him at Dixon, Mont.

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