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BUFFALO AND ELK TO BE SOLD  
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To prevent over-grazing on its big-game preserves, the Bureau of Biological Survey, U.S. Department of Agriculture, has called for bids on this year's surplus animals, including 141 buffalo, 162 elk, and 45 mule deer. It is probable that most of the animals, says the bureau, will be sold, but, by making special arrangements, a State or municipal park or zoos can obtain a few animals at cost of handling and transportation.

Mule deer, biologists state, are suitable only for regions west of the Mississippi River. The bureau will not dispose of these animals for other than exhibition and breeding purposes. Surplus buffalo and elk that can not be disposed of for similar purposes will be sold for meat, though animals less than two years of age will be sold only for breeding and exhibition.

Big-game animals, the bureau explains, have increased under protection. The preserves, however, have not increased in size, and some animals must therefore be disposed of to keep herds within the grazing capacity of present ranges. Over-grazing, if not avoided, would result in malnutrition and suffering among the animals.

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