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CHRISTMAS PRESENT PLANNED
FOR JACKSON HOLE ELK HERDS

Nothing less than a Christmas present to the elk herds of the Jackson Hole Region, Wyoming, which are under the winter care of the Biological Survey of the United States Department of Agriculture, is the plan of the Izaak Walton League of America. "And a real present in the spirit of the Christmas season it will be," says Dr. E. W. Nelson, Chief of the Biological Survey. "It means the ultimate salvation of these fine game animals, for in future winter seasons they will be able to get for themselves as many Christmas and other dinners as they need. Everyone who knows anything of the story of the deaths by starvation of Wyoming elk by hundreds and thousands in recurring hard winters, thus actually threatening the extinction of the herds, will hail this movement for the preservation of these noble game animals while it is still possible. And the movement is not contemplated for consummation merely sometime in 'this generation,' but at once, through Christmas offerings of the hunters and nature lovers of to-day.

"The plan is most commendable as a memorial to the early frontiersmen, not as a statue of bronze or marble, but as a game preserve to form an extension of the Federal Winter Elk Refuge in Wyoming. In this place the remnants of the former vast elk herds will enjoy extensive feeding grounds without the necessity of frequent emergency appropriations for their

benefit from Federal and State funds for the purchase of hay to see them through unusually rigorous winters. This preserve will be one in which an abundance of hay will be stored for emergencies and broad areas of natural pastures will become a safe winter home for thousands of elk.

"The Izaak Walton League plans to purchase the needed lands promptly and to make them available to the Federal Government as an addition to the Winter Elk Refuge near Jackson, Wyo. The advantages of the plan are far-reaching, and under a wise administration of the refuge and its herds there will be opportunity for big-game hunting in this region, as the surplus animals from the herds will become legitimate game of sportsmen, and at the same time the herds will be assured of perpetuation for the delight of future generations.

"The contributions amounting to \$100,000 sought by the Waltonian Elk Fund Committee will make a Christmas present indeed to the American elk, and conservationists, sportsmen, and other nature lovers who help to make the plan an actuality will be serving not only the elk now threatened with starvation, but in a patriotic way will make a notable contribution to future Americans by insuring the perpetuation of these most magnificent of all deer."