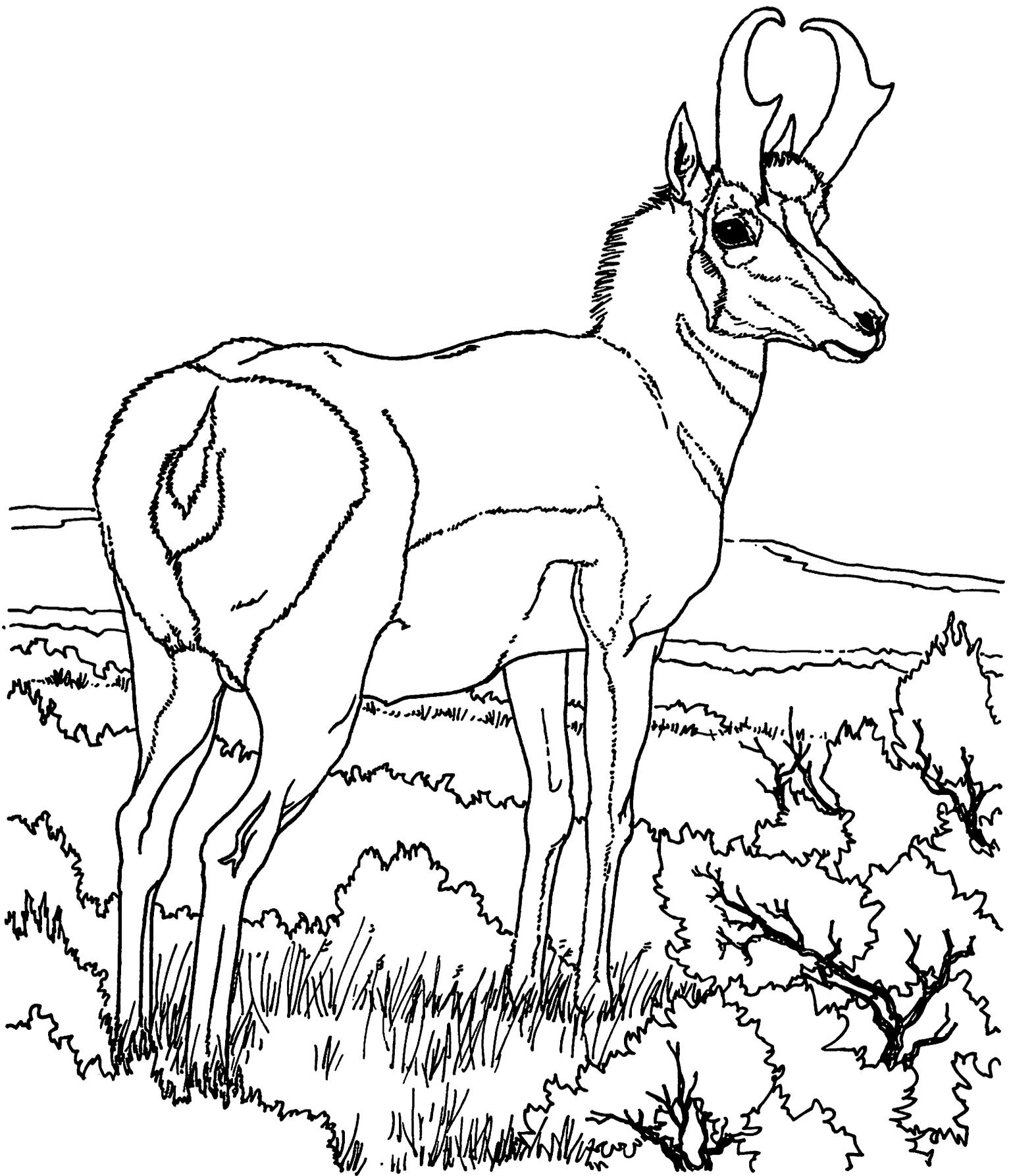


A variety of animals are found in the mountain/forest habitat. The coniferous (pine) forests, open meadows, and deep canyons provide food, shelter, and space. **Moose** live here and can find everything they need to survive. They hang around lakes and streams in the mountains where they find plenty of willows and other aquatic plants to eat.



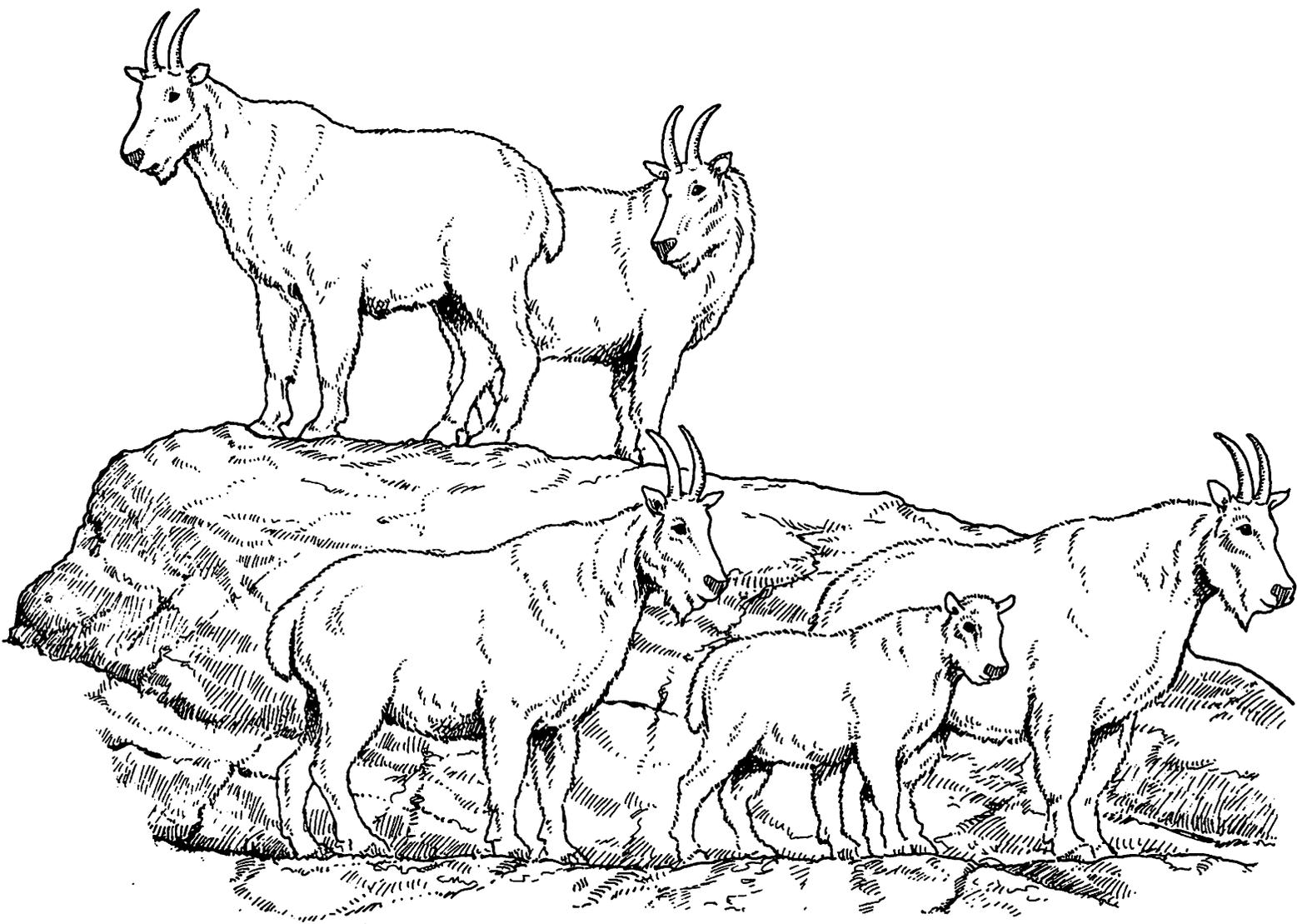
In Wyoming, there are different habitats, or homes, where animals live. **Pronghorn** antelope live in prairie/grassland habitat. It's hot in summer, cold in winter and sagebrush is plentiful. Antelope can see for miles on the prairie and have plenty of space to outrun predators, such as coyotes and eagles. Pronghorns are the fastest mammals in North America, reaching speeds up to 60 miles per hour.

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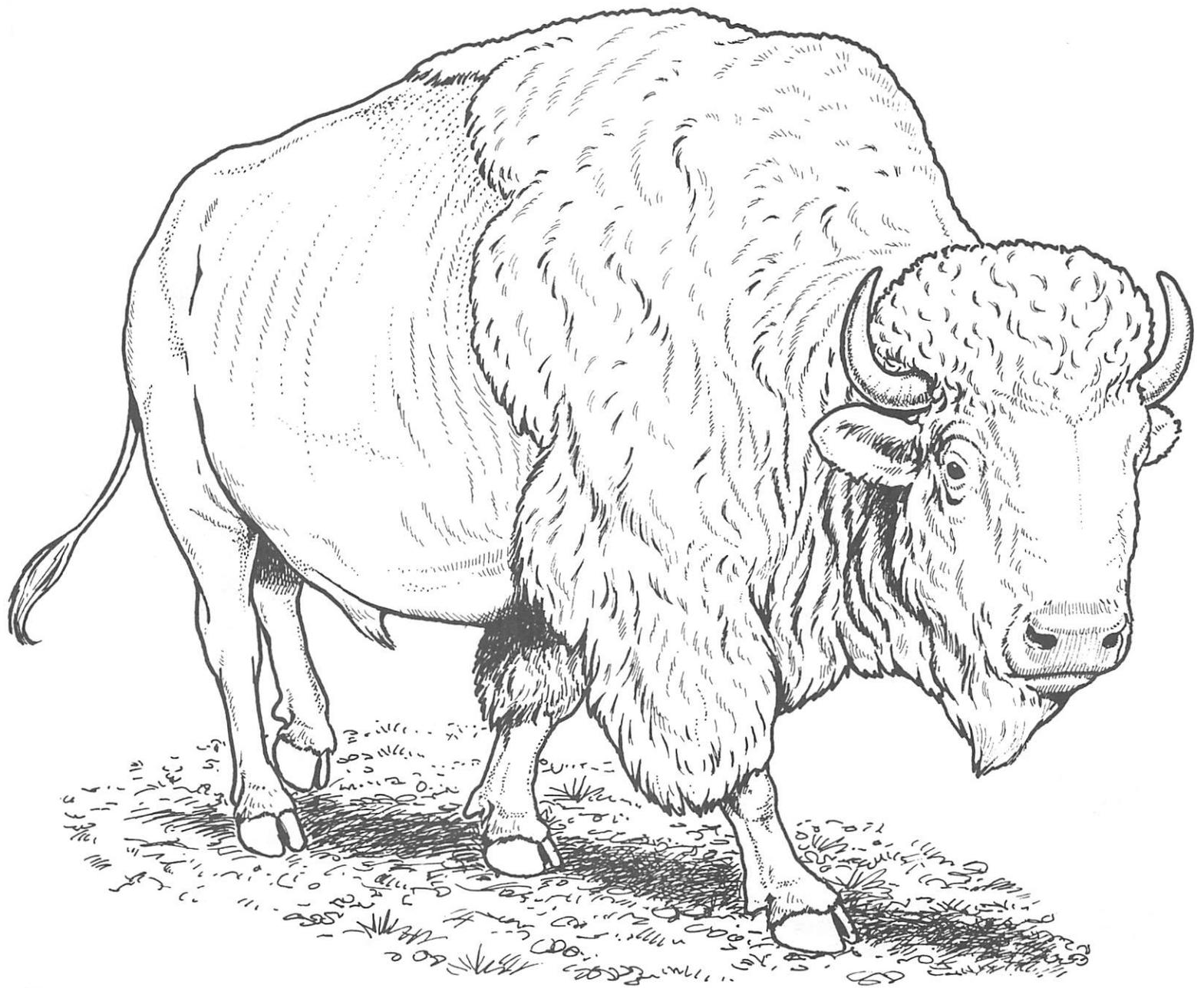
Mule deer, elk, mountain lions, and other animals come down from the mountains to the foothills/shrublands in the winter when the snow is too deep for them to move around and find food. In the foothills, mule deer find food, water, and shelter. Mule deer, named for their large, mule-like ears, are brownish-gray with a white rump patch and black tip on their short tail.

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Mountain goats can be found in alpine habitat, particularly in the summer. The rocky cliffs and canyons are perfect for mountain goats to jump and run and find food and shelter. Mountain goats have pads on the bottom of their hooves which help them grip and hold onto rocks. Their shaggy, white fur helps protect them against the harsh winds and blowing snow.

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Buffalo, or bison, as they are sometimes called, live in the prairie/grassland where they find plenty of grass to eat. Once there were millions of bison living in the prairie, but today the only wild populations of bison in Wyoming are found in and around Yellowstone National Park. Bison can weigh a ton and are the largest land animal in North America.

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