



WYOMING GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT

# Wyoming Elk Feedgrounds Draft Management Plan

Elk Feedgrounds: A Challenge We Can Take On

## Public Collaborative Process

**Goal:** Reduce elk's reliance on feedgrounds/increase opportunities for elk to winter away from feedgrounds to decrease disease transmission amongst the elk.

**Sideboards:** Maintain publicly-supported elk population objectives and associated hunting opportunity; limit damage to private property, disease transmission to livestock, and competition with other wildlife species



## What we heard from Stakeholders

Common themes received from stakeholders (based on the facilitator's summary):

1. Solutions require a long-term approach (e.g., decades, not years)
2. All plans must take a multi-pronged, diverse approach
3. All plans must remain adaptable
4. Decision-making should remain at local and state levels
5. Plans need to be feedground specific

## What's in the Plan

- WY Elk Feedgrounds: History, Key current issues, Disease management, Elk and feedground future direction, Education and public outreach
- Direction to Game and Fish employees to ensure a unified goal for long-term elk feedground and disease management



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# What's Next?

## Feedground Management Action Plans

### Goals of Feedground Management Action Plans (FMAPs)

Develop individual Feedground Management Action Plans (FMAP) for each of the six elk herds with feedgrounds. Plans will be based on the best available science and expertise on how to:

1. Maintain elk health by limiting disease transmission while providing supplemental feed.
2. Reduce or eliminate reliance of elk on supplemental feed while maintaining both publicly-supported elk populations and acceptable levels of elk damage and elk-cattle co-mingling on private lands.



### FMAPs are designed to accomplish these goals by...

- Working collaboratively with local stakeholders and the public
- Identifying feedground and herd-specific obstacles and solutions
- Being long-term focused and adaptable
- Addressing short-term needs and opportunities
- Being developed under the guidance of the Wyoming Elk Feedgrounds Management Plan



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