

The Story of Colorado's Mule Deer

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A 2012 Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) population estimate of 408,000 muleys statewide is 22 percent to 29 percent below the goal of 525,000 to 575,000 animals. [page 2].

. In the winter of 1921-1922, the first large-scale winter feeding campaign began to prevent the loss of thousands of deer and elk from severe winter conditions [page 2]

In 1989, the mule deer population was estimated at an impressive 600,000 animals, up from an estimated 6,000 deer at the beginning of the 20th century. [page 3]