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... Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) estimates that there are 5,000 to 7,000 mountain lions in the state... Keefover said habitat loss and lack of nutrition are the largest factor in mule deer population decline, adding that oil and gas activity is claiming vast amounts of mule deer habitat each year...