<u>Fewer Elk Counted This Year On Yellowstone's Famous Northern Range—But What Does It Mean?</u> April 5, 2019 Montana

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... "It's been a really tough winter. The elk that survived are generally in poor physical condition... Some 5,800 elk were observed across the vast Northern Range survey area ... The 2019 figure is 23 percent lower than both the 7,579 elk observed a year ago and the 7,510 elk tallied in 2016 ..,