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... Colorado Parks and Wildlife data also show a statewide deer population decrease since 2005 by about 36 percent. Across the West, deer decreased by at least 10 percent... the latest CPW population estimates, provided in response to Denver Post queries, show a statewide decline in mule deer — the main deer in the West — down to 390,600 in 2013 from 614,100 in 2005...

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... Elk are by far the most popular animal to hunt, with 223,274 people purchasing elk licenses in 2015 ... the state's decreased mule deer population, which has been fluctuating below previous highs of 600,000 deer before the 1980s. While CPW estimated the population at a high of 613,450 in 2006, it has since dropped back down. Its lowest point was 390,660, in 2013; in 2015, estimates were that the number of deer rose again to 435,660...