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... In the 1980s, it was common for [elk] herds to have 60 to 65 calves per 100 cows, Mao said. That has fallen to 35 to 40 for the Frying Pan Herd and herds in other parts of the state... But by limiting licenses for cows, that meant more opportunities for calves to be born... The natural survival rate for cow elk — that is, when they aren't hunted — is 95% .., [Julie Mao, a CPW terrestrial biologist for the region]