Bringing Elk Back to Colorado
(not dated) Colorado Parks and Wildlife

In the 1900s only 40,000 elk remained in all of North America. The elk's dramatic demise was attributed to unregulated market hunting. … At over 280,000 animals, Colorado's elk population is the largest in the world. The number of elk in Colorado in the mid 2020s.

In 1916, Colorado imported 50 elk from Wyoming to re-establish dwindling herds. The elk were transported and released in Idaho Springs and the Greenhorn Mountains in Pueblo County.

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