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... "We had abundant precipitation last spring and summer, which made for excellent forage conditions and deer going into winter in good body condition," ... "Mule deer are looking good," Foster said of the most recent surveys. "They are 5 percent below last year but still 27 percent above long-term average." ... Buck-to-doe ratios dropped from last year's 48 bucks per 100 does but remain at a strong 34 bucks per 100 does. Whitetail populations aren't quite as robust as mule deer, but numbers are still above average...,

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... Southeast Montana experienced above-average rainfall this summer, which produced abundant forage and cover ... should boost populations next year (pending what Mother Nature has in store this winter) ... Aerial surveys of deer populations in southeast Montana indicate that both mule deer and white-tailed deer remain above long-term average numbers...