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... “Deer numbers have decreased roughly 60,000 from about four years ago due to climatic effects and drought,” DWR Big Game Coordinator Covy Jones said .. Elk are not impacted by drought the same way as deer, and elk populations have remained stable for several years, with an estimated 80,000 across the state..,